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The Thirty-fourth regular Convention of Synod was opened by an impressive service in the auditorium of Concordia Teachers' College at River Forest, Ill., on the morning of June 19, 1929. Vice-President Lankenau preached a German sermon on 1 Kings 8, 57, and Vice-President Dallmann, D. D., preached in English on Phil. 1, 17. All sessions were held in the auditorium.

In the afternoon, after a brief devotional service, Synod was organized, after the Secretary had reported that of the 568 voting members 511 voting pastors and lay delegates were registered, while 307 advisory members and representatives of boards had been listed by the Registration Committee. (Before the close of Synod it could be announced that only 3 voting pastors and 25 lay delegates were absent during the entire sessions.)

The chairman, Dr. F. Pfotenhauer, thereupon declared Synod to be opened. His presidential address and report were submitted in German and in English.

The appointment of Prof. Paul F. Bente as Assistant Secretary was ratified, and Pastor Eickstaedt, of Laporte, Ind., was elected as German chaplain and Pastor Hertwig, of Detroit, as English chaplain.

Prof. F. Pieper, D. D., delivered three German lectures on "The Open Heaven," while Prof. Theo. Graebner presented his paper on "The Indwelling of the Triune God in the Hearts of the Believers" in two sections.

On Friday evening, June 21, a German service was held, in which Pastor H. Steege preached on Christian Education. Holy Communion was celebrated in this service. Pastor W. Nordsieck preached the confessional sermon. On Tuesday evening, June 23, an English service was held to commemorate the presentation of the Augsburg Confession and the publication of the Book of Concord, Prof. O. A. C. Boecler preaching the sermon. On Sunday afternoon a mass-meeting was held in Grant Park Stadium, Soldiers' Field, in commemoration of the four-hundredth anniversary of the two catechisms of Luther, Prof. W. A. Maier, Ph. D., delivering the principal address.

Address of the President.

"The Lord, our God, be with us as He was with our fathers; let Him not leave us, nor forsake us, that He may incline our hearts unto Him to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments which He commanded our fathers." Amen.

VENERABLE AND BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN CHRIST: —

With this opening session of Synod our Church enters into a triennial period rich in days commemorative of mighty deeds wrought by God in our dear Lutheran Church, deeds which vividly set before

our eyes the glorious treasures our Church possesses and exhort us "Hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown."

Four hundred years ago, in 1529, Luther gave to our Church his two catechisms. In the same year he held his epochal colloquy with Zwingli and his followers at Marburg. Next year, on June 25, we shall celebrate the quadricentennial of the presentation of the Augsburg Confession to the Emperor and his empire, as well as the 350th anniversary of the first publication of the whole body of confessional writings of our Church known as the Book of Concord.

The confessional writings of our Church were not accidental products of the moment, but were born in heroic struggle for the truth of God. They stand forever as testimonies that our Church wishes to remain faithful to the truth taught in God's Word, without deviating a hair's breadth to the left or right. This fact is best seen in the confessions themselves, in which our fathers declare that "the sole rule and standard according to which all dogmas, together with all teachers, should be estimated and judged are the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures of the Old and of the New Testament alone." (*Trigl.*, 776.)

In these writings our fathers make a clear, straightforward confession to the several doctrines of Holy Scripture and a firm, resolute disavowal of all contrary teaching. The zeal and earnestness of our fathers in accurately stating the Scripture truths flowed from their conviction that the Bible is God's infallible Word, to which all men are obligated, and that this Word has saving power only when it is purely preached.

In thus contending for the truth of God in their confessions, our fathers thought not only of themselves, but also of their posterity. They were anxiously concerned about transmitting their golden treasury of pure truth as a precious legacy to their children. At the close of the doctrinal articles of the Augsburg Confession we read the following powerful words: "This is about the sum of our doctrines preached and taught in our churches for sound Christian instruction, for the comfort of conscience, and for the moral discipline of believers. For, surely, we would neither wish to jeopardize our own souls and conscience before God through abuse of His name and Word, nor would we wish to bequeath to our children and children's children any other teaching than that which conforms to the pure Word of God and Christian truth." (German text.)

The confessional writings of our Church are the legacy which we have inherited from our fathers. Hence in these jubilee years we should be careful to celebrate these great historical events not merely by decorating the fathers' graves by splendid orations and great festive demonstrations, but rather by earnest heart-searching and inquiry as

how we regard this legacy of the fathers. The fathers of our Lutheran Church prized purity of teaching as their greatest treasure. Their one fear was that they might in some way adulterate the truth. Their one purpose was to spread the truth by faithful instruction in pulpit and school. Alas, how many who call themselves Lutherans prove themselves unworthy of the fathers! In large territories of the Lutheran Church, purity of teaching is held in but low regard, and a spirit of indifference can calmly see one Scriptural doctrine after the other thrown overboard, while but little effort is put forth to indoctrinate the Church's youth in church and school.

The founders of our beloved Synod had eyes opened to recognize in the Lutheran Confessions a golden legacy. How they prized the truth of these writings, and how zealous were they to hand this truth on intact to us, their children! To this end they erected educational institutions, published books and periodicals, and established congregations and schools. With sadness of heart we must register the indisputable fact that in our own generation the appreciation and love of pure doctrine is waning. We can see this in many places. Our Church is in great danger of drifting into a state of lethargy. By the grace of God the coming jubilees want to help us to appreciate anew our inheritance and to turn it to good account, so that with all our hearts we may join the psalmist in saying: "Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage forever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart."

Our fathers, however, did not only rejoice in the glory of the Lord that had risen upon them, they also were ready to prove the genuineness of their faith by supporting their confession with a readiness to suffer shame, persecution, yes, even death for the sake of the truth. When at Spire and Augsburg they were threatened with severe punishment, they did not allow themselves to be intimidated. When at Marburg, Luther was tempted to make concessions to the Zwinglian party for the purpose of bringing about a great political confederation, calculated to afford the new teaching the protection of the sword, he withstood the temptation, heedless of consequences, and was willing to go his way alone rather than, at the expense of the divine truth, enter into an alliance with men who had "a different spirit." It was not easy thus to isolate oneself. The Smalcald Articles say: "To dissent from the agreement of so many nations and to be called schismatics is a grave matter. But divine authority commands all not to be allies and defenders of impiety and unjust cruelty." (*Trigl.*, 516.)

In this attitude of our fathers, my dear brethren, there lies a solemn admonition to the Church of the present day. And how we do need that admonition! The universal tendency of our times is to "get together." Isolation in church-life is regarded as intolerable. Those who keep themselves separate for the sake of the truth are

denounced as bigots. The well-being and prosperity of the Church is sought in the merger of church-bodies even at the cost of truth. Sad to say, this destructive virus of unionism has infected also many Lutheran circles. This modern striving after external union despite spiritual disunion brings to one's mind the words which God spoke to Israel by the prophet Isaiah: "Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom the people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of Hosts Himself, and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread."

God grant that the remembrance of the great events in the history of our Church may be to us all a call of admonition and encouragement not to seek the well-being of the Church in all manner of unions at the expense of truth, but rather to let it be our great care to hold fast for ourselves and our children our rich inheritance as embodied in our Lutheran Confessions. Then, even though we, with our brethren in the Synodical Conference, must feel ever more the sting of isolation, the true fountain of Israel will richly flow for us in the Word of God; heaven will stand open; we shall have a cheerful conscience, sweet comfort in life and death, and unfailing strength for a life of godliness. And God will use our testimony as a guide for many also outside of our Synod. May God bless the coming jubilees unto such glorious consummation! We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

President's Report.

A detailed report of your President may be dispensed with. All delegates have received a copy of the *Reports and Memorials*. In this pamphlet they have been sufficiently informed with regard to the work of the Church during the past three years and have been advised as to the program of work lying before the convention.

Our Synod has again been permitted to do its work in a time of national peace. The work of our institutions and missions has progressed, even though here and there difficulties arose that occasioned no little trouble, and even though the building program voted by the last convention could to a large extent not be carried out because our congregations failed to supply the necessary funds. As a result, the Board of Directors and the other boards affected often found their hands tied. This convention will have to give due attention to the finances of Synod.

No change has taken place in our relation to the sister synods in the Synodical Conference. Our unity of spirit found heartening expression at the sessions of the Synodical Conference held in Omaha last August. Our brethren in Australia request that, after many years, we again send an official representative to visit them as an evidence, and for the confirmation, of our unity in the faith. Our

external connections have increased. In Finland and Esthonia free churches have been organized, which take the same confessional stand as we do. Before us lie reports on the blessed work of our brethren in the Free Church of Germany, likewise reports on the work of our brethren in Alsace.

Of special importance at this convention will be our deliberations on matters of elementary and higher education, on our position in the lodge question, on intersynodical conferences, and the conduct of our foreign missions.

Dr. Pieper will favor us with a few lectures on "The Open Heaven," while Prof. Th. Graebner will lecture on "The Indwelling of the Holy Trinity in the Hearts of the Believers."

The work of your President in the past three years proceeded as usual. I visited Synod's institutions, attended District conventions, took part in many board and committee meetings, and in word and writing gave advice, when it was solicited, to the measure of my ability. With the growth of Synod and the increased ramification of its work the work of your President has increased apace. The Vice-Presidents rendered faithful and valuable services. Since many District synods meet at the same time, the President was at times represented by theological professors.

To the glory of God be it said that God's Word still rules supreme in our church institutions and at our conventions.

And now, dear brethren, let us go to work in the name of God. May we have a convention that will delight the angels, bring joy to Christians, and promote the glory of our Savior! Amen.

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- Circuit 1.* Rev. J. L. Summers, Taylorsville, N. C. — Mr. G. W. Moehlmann, Conover, N. C.
Circuit 2. Rev. G. E. Long, Newton, N. C. — Mr. P. M. Dellinger, 2 Newton, N. C.

MILWAUKEE-SHEBOYGAN CONFERENCE.

- Rev. W. M. Czamanske, 528 Ontario Ave., Sheboygan, Wis. — Mr. Edw. Witzel, 3 488 12th Ave., Wauwatosa, Wis.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

- Rev. J. A. Schlichting, 950 N. Marengo St., Pasadena, Cal. — Mr. E. F. Henning, c. o. Rev. Theo. Pieper, 1290 Fifth Ave., San Francisco, Cal.

CHICAGO CONFERENCE.

- Circuit 1* (North Division). Rev. E. F. Haertel, 1511 N. Long Ave., Chicago, Ill. — Mr. D. G. Frieser, 3 Chicago, Ill.
Circuit 2 (South Division). Rev. J. Leimer, 6406 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, Ill. — Mr. G. F. Brumm, Lansing, Ill.
Circuit 3 (West Division). Rev. C. J. Schuth, 2 Freeport, Ill. — Mr. A. Mesenbrink, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE.

- Twin City Circuit.* Rev. Theo. Schroedel, 2 31st and Chicago Aves., Minneapolis, Minn. ($\frac{1}{2}$) and Rev. F. Oberschulte, St. Paul, Minn. ($\frac{1}{2}$). — Mr. R. Burns, 2 11535 Carroll Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Especially Delegated.

- Rev. A. Jarus, 4833 Altgeld St., Chicago, Ill. (School Board).

IOWA DISTRICT.

President H. Harms, 1515 Marquette St., Davenport, Iowa.

Voting Pastors and Lay Delegates.

- Circuit 1* (Davenport). Rev. W. P. A. Schroeder, 405 Eighth Ave., Dewitt, Iowa. — Mr. C. E. Kroemer, Lowden, Iowa.
- Circuit 2* (Cedar Rapids 1). Rev. P. T. Gutknecht, Monticello, Iowa. — Mr. Fred Senne, R. F. D., Van Horn, Iowa.
- Circuit 3* (Cedar Rapids 2). Rev. A. W. Brauer, Keystone, Iowa. — Mr. H. A. Radeke, Luzerne, Iowa.
- Circuit 4* (Williamsburg). Rev. R. Uhlmann, Williamsburg, Iowa. — Mr. Henry C. Doerzmann, Marengo, Iowa.
- Circuit 5* (Des Moines 1). Rev. G. A. W. Vogel, 1331 W. Eighth St., Des Moines, Iowa. — Mr. Delt. Claussen, Ogden, Iowa.
- Circuit 6* (Des Moines 2). Rev. Kurt Daib, Dexter, Iowa. — Mr. Fred Kellenberg, Casey, Iowa.
- Circuit 7* (Council Bluffs). Rev. O. Bahr, Yorktown, Iowa. — Mr. Max Martens, R. 1, Persia, Iowa.
- Circuit 8* (Denison 1). Rev. C. A. Krog, Ute, Iowa. — Mr. Wm. Ackelbein, Charter Oak, Iowa.
- Circuit 9* (Denison 2). Rev. A. J. Mueller, Carroll, Iowa. — Mr. Henry Adams, Denison, Iowa.
- Circuit 10* (Wall Lake). Rev. A. Matthias, Sac City, Iowa. — Mr. Wm. J. Stock, Odebolt, Iowa.
- Circuit 11* (Sioux City 1). Rev. H. Otten, 1903 S. Nicolett St., Sioux City, Iowa. — Mr. Emil Gebert, Paullina, Iowa.
- Circuit 12* (Sioux City 2). Rev. H. Welking, Alta, Iowa. — Mr. C. Ehrhardt, Aurelia, Iowa.
- Circuit 13* (Spencer). Rev. E. J. Kallsen, Ocheyedan, Iowa. — Mr. Henry Mohr, Melvin, Iowa.
- Circuit 14* (Algona). Rev. W. T. Wolfram, Carner, Iowa. — Mr. Aug. Meyer, Fenton, Iowa.
- Circuit 15* (Fort Dodge). Rev. W. Schaefer, Rickwell City, Iowa. — Mr. H. F. Dohrman, Farnhamville, Iowa.
- Circuit 16* (Eldora). Rev. E. Grummer, Latimer, Iowa. — Mr. Henry Bartz, Eldora, Iowa.
- Circuit 17* (Waterloo 1). Rev. P. Brammer, St. Ansgar, Iowa. — Mr. Louis Warnke, Fairbank, Iowa.
- Circuit 18* (Waterloo 2). Rev. Th. Klatt, Sumner, Iowa. — Mr. Otto Raether, Westgate, Iowa.

Advisory Pastors.

- Circuit 1.* Rev. Th. Hansen, Bremer, Iowa.
- Circuit 2.* Rev. G. Steinkamp, Hawarden, Iowa.
- Circuit 3.* Rev. Th. E. Hinck, R. 2, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Teachers.

- Circuit 1.* Mr. H. Suhr, Westgate, Iowa.
- Circuit 2.* Mr. O. Kamprath, Homestead, Iowa.
- Circuit 3.* Mr. W. H. Dittmar, 514 S. 14th St., Fort Dodge, Iowa.
- Circuit 4.* Mr. J. A. W. Wiersig, 1420 Third St., Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Especially Delegated.

- Rev. Friedrich Starke, Luzerne, Iowa (Mission Board).
- Teacher H. F. C. Mueller, 414 S. 16th St., Fort Dodge, Iowa.

KANSAS DISTRICT.

President C. F. Lehenbauer, Alma, Kans.

Voting Pastors and Lay Delegates.

- Circuit 1.* Rev. W. Pennekamp, 303 Tenth St., Independence, Kans. — Mr. E. A. Tschorn, 128 Neosho St., Emporia, Kans.
- Circuit 2.* Rev. C. H. Pooker, 2547 Metropolitan Ave., Kansas City, Kans. — Mr. H. W. Poos, Nortonville, Kans.

- Circuit 3.* Rev. N. Sereres, L. B. 14, Powhattan, Kans. — Mr. Harry Legler, 1108 Oregon St., Hiawatha, Kans.
- Circuit 4.* Rev. P. D. Mueller, 210 Van Buren St., Topeka, Kans. — Mr. W. F. Weber, Topeka, Kans.
- Circuit 5.* Rev. A. C. Traugott, R. 1, Bremen, Kans. — Mr. Herm. Kohlmeier, R. 1, Linn, Kans.
- Circuit 6.* Rev. W. Biel, R. 4, Herington, Kans. — Mr. A. W. Kohls, R. 4, Herington, Kans.
- Circuit 7.* Rev. C. Kettner, Box 117, Durham, Kans. — Mr. Roy Lathrop,³ Claflin, Kans.
- Circuit 8.* Rev. L. H. Deffner, 908 Market, Wichita, Kans. — Mr. I. J. Kloster, 1820 Cherry St., Winfield, Kans.
- Circuit 9.* Rev. H. C. Meyer, Box 413, Ellinwood, Kans. — Mr. John W. Nuss,³ Hoisington, Kans.
- Circuit 10.* Rev. H. Kroening, R. 2, Lincoln, Kans. — Mr. G. B. Hopfer,² Sylvan Grove, Kans.
- Circuit 11.* Rev. A. L. Hoemann, St. Francis, Kans. — Mr. W. C. Munstermann,³ Ludell, Kans.
- Circuit 12.* Rev. G. V. Weber, 904 Avenue E, Dodge City, Kans. — Mr. Emil Gall, Bellefont, Kans.

Advisory Pastor.

Rev. M. L. Heerboth, Alma, Kans.

Teachers.

- Circuit 1.* Mr. W. Thiemann, Duluth, Kans.
- Circuit 2.* Mr. W. F. Finke, R. 1, Palmer, Kans.
- Circuit 3.* Mr. A. Kiekhaefer, Bremen, Kans.

Especially Delegated.

- Rev. P. Stolp, R. 2, Linn, Kans. (Mission Board).
- Rev. J. Kauffeld, R. 1, Bremen, Kans. (Board of Support).
- Rev. John Schmidt, R. 1, Potter, Kans. (Board of Education).

MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

President C. T. Wetzstein, 1033 Victoria Ave., Regina, Sask., Can.

Voting Pastors and Lay Delegates.

- Circuit 1* (Pheasant Hill). Rev. W. Krahn, Neudorf, Sask., Can. — Mr. L. Pockrandt, Windthorst, Sask., Can.
- Circuit 2* (N. Saskatchewan). Rev. F. W. Hyatt, Luseland, Sask., Can. — Mr. F. A. Bolduan, 811 University Dr., Saskatoon, Sask., Can.
- Circuit 3* (Soo Line E. and W.). Rev. W. Leininger, Oxbow, Sask., Can. — Mr. Paul Schendel, 2247 Cameron St., Regina, Sask., Can.
- Circuit 4* (Assiniboine Valley). Rev. A. Eissfeldt, 627 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg, Man., Can. — Mr. F. Doering,³ Langenburg, Sask., Can.

Especially Delegated.

Rev. W. A. Reitz, 927 College Ave., Regina, Sask., Can.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT.

President J. Schinnerer, 5067 Buckingham, Detroit, Mich.

Voting Pastors and Lay Delegates.

- Circuit 1.* Rev. C. F. Lederer,² R. 3, Conklin, Mich. — Mr. F. W. Ruehs, Caledonia, Mich.
- Circuit 2.* Rev. C. A. Rook, 434 W. Seventh St., Traverse City, Mich. — Mr. C. A. Zobel, 513 Oak St., Manistee, Mich.
- Circuit 3.* Rev. E. P. Beyer, Fowler, Mich. — Mr. Henry Busse, 916 N. Sixth St., Niles, Mich.

- Circuit 4.* Rev. E. A. Mayer,² D. D., R. 2, Frankenmuth, Mich. — Mr. John F. Heinlein, R. 4, Vassar, Mich.
- Circuit 5.* Rev. Ernst Walther, R. 2, Hemlock, Mich. — Mr. Hy. J. P. Graebner, 129 Granger St., Saginaw, Mich.
- Circuit 6.* Rev. F. J. Wilkening, Unionville, Mich. — Mr. Wm. Rau, Reese, Mich. ($\frac{1}{2}$) and Mr. Norman Fliegel, Sebewaing, Huron Co., Mich. ($\frac{1}{2}$).
- Circuit 7.* Rev. H. Potzger, R. 2, Auburn, Mich. — Mr. Paul Begick, R. 1, Bay City, Mich.
- Circuit 8.* Rev. C. B. Voelz,² R. 1, Hawks, Mich. — Mr. Wm. Boettscher, Hillman, Mich.
- Circuit 9.* Rev. L. A. Wissmueller, 118 Dickinson Ave., Mount Clemens, Mich. — Mr. Chas. Alwardt, 98 Moross Ave., Mount Clemens, Mich.
- Circuit 10.* Rev. Theo. Wuggazer, Fraser, Mich. — Mr. Herman Seiferlein, 14291 Eastwood Ave., Detroit, Mich.
- Circuit 11.* Rev. A. Fahling, 3925 Leuschner Ave., Detroit, Mich. — Mr. Herman Roth, 1631 Woodsboro Dr., Royal Oak, Mich.
- Circuit 12.* Rev. C. F. Kutschinski, Harbor Beach, Mich. — Mr. Karl Kirsch, R. 1, Ruth, Mich.
- Circuit 13.* Rev. L. C. G. Daschner, Burr Oak, Mich. — Mr. Paul Larkey,² Jackson, Mich.
- Circuit 14.* Rev. O. Luebke, Petersburg, Mich. — Mr. James C. Headman, 337 Chestnut St., Wyandotte, Mich.
- Circuit 15.* Rev. H. F. Hensick, 128 Military Ave., Dearborn, Mich. — Mr. Fred Olschewsky,² 4425 Western Ave., Detroit, Mich.
- Circuit 16.* Rev. F. A. Hartwig,³ 4455 28th St., Detroit, Mich. — Mr. John Hartwig, 12789 Washburn Ave., Detroit, Mich.
- Circuit 17.* Rev. G. Claus, 3987 Maybury Grand Ave., Detroit, Mich. — Mr. G. Kamin, 1039 W. Baltimore Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Advisory Pastors.

- Circuit 1.* Rev. W. C. Speckhard,³ 32 W. Gouac St., Battle Creek, Mich.
- Circuit 2.* Rev. F. Sattelmeier,² 4733 Field Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Teachers.

- Circuit 1.* Mr. J. G. Appold, R. 2, Auburn, Mich.
- Circuit 2.* Mr. E. Unrath, 2600 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, Mich.
- Circuit 3.* Mr. M. C. Pieper, 603 Rose Ave., Big Rapids, Mich.
- Circuit 4.* Mr. J. Straub, 4345 Sharon St., Detroit, Mich.
- Circuit 5.* Mr. H. Burger, 1609 Lansing Ave., Detroit, Mich.
- Circuit 6.* Mr. J. C. Jaeckel, 311 Judson St., Pontiac, Mich.
- Circuit 7.* Mr. O. E. W. Dorch, 1659 Monterey Ave., Detroit, Mich.
- Circuit 8.* Mr. G. T. Wichmann, 12600 Gitre Ave., Detroit, Mich.
- Circuit 9.* Mr. W. H. Matthews,² 5767 Balfour Rd., Detroit, Mich.
- Circuit 10.* Mr. E. J. Rittmueller, R. 1, Birch Run, Mich.
- Circuit 11.* Mr. W. G. Schulenberg, 1716 White St., Port Huron, Mich.

Especially Delegated.

- Rev. L. Nuechterlein, 903 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich. (Mission Board).
- Rev. B. D. Roth, Oberlin, Mich. (Superintendent of Schools).

MINNESOTA DISTRICT.

President H. Meyer, R. 2, Lakefield, Minn.

Voting Pastors and Lay Delegates.

- Circuit 1.* Rev. F. Randt, 772 Cortland St., St. Paul, Minn. — Mr. Chas. Thoele, 1357 Brand St., St. Paul Minn.
- Circuit 2.* Rev. H. Weerts, Brownton, Minn. — Mr. Chas Schmalz, Lester Prairie, Minn.
- Circuit 3.* Rev. F. J. Seltz, 687 Lafond St., St. Paul, Minn. — Mr. Wm. Geister, R. 2, Shakopee, Minn.

- Circuit 4.* Rev. H. Klemp, R. 3, Osseo, Minn. — Mr. E. Tetzlaff, 2504 Euclid Pl., Minneapolis, Minn.
- Circuit 5.* Rev. H. Am End, R. 1, Cologne, Minn. — Mr. Wm. Wendorf, New Germany, Minn.
- Circuit 6.* Rev. J. Busch, R. 3, Arlington, Minn. — Mr. Wm. Goetsch, Gaylord, Minn.
- Circuit 7.* Rev. H. J. Raedeke, R. 5, Parkers Prairie, Minn. — Mr. Henry Marweg, R. 1, Kent, Minn.
- Circuit 8.* Rev. W. Lueck, Fair Haven, Minn. — Mr. Herm. Hasse, Nashua, Minn.
- Circuit 9.* Rev. Paul Seltz,² 1300 Beltrami Ave., Bemidji, Minn. — Mr. John Horn, R. 4, Ada, Minn.
- Circuit 10.* Rev. J. F. Schultz, Park Rapids, Minn. — Mr. Frank Schulz, Sebek, Minn.
- Circuit 11.* Rev. H. L. Sprengeler, R. 2, Royalton, Minn. — Mr. Oscar Meyer, St. Cloud, Minn.
- Circuit 12.* Rev. R. Heyne, 315 Main St., Detroit Lakes, Minn. — Mr. Emil Tabatt, Sabin, Minn.
- Circuit 13.* Rev. A. Gierke,² Dumont, Minn. — Mr. John J. Miller.
- Circuit 14.* Rev. J. Kretzschmar, Chatfield, Minn. — Mr. F. W. Schaar, Wykoff, Minn.
- Circuit 15.* Rev. E. Marxhausen, R. 1, Waltham, Minn. — Mr. Ernest Maass, Rochester, Minn.
- Circuit 16.* Rev. H. Neunaber, Monterey, Minn. — Mr. Val Welker, Lakefield, Minn.
- Circuit 17.* Rev. Theo. Bloedel, R. 4, Janesville, Minn. — Mr. Louis Precht, Courtland, Minn.
- Circuit 18.* Rev. J. Steinmeyer, 623 W. Olive St., Pipestone, Minn. — Mr. A. Ruckelshausen, Brewster, Minn.
- Circuit 19.* Rev. A. Klaummer, Good Thunder, Minn. — Mr. Aug. Meltz, Elmore, Minn.

Advisory Pastors.

- Circuit 1.* Rev. C. Bramscher, Alpha, Minn.
- Circuit 2.* Rev. J. Moebius, Rush City, Minn.

Teachers.

- Circuit 1.* Mr. J. H. Hoffmann, R. 1, Cologne, Minn.
- Circuit 2.* Mr. A. Kramer, 619 Fifth St., Faribault, Minn.
- Circuit 3.* Mr. G. Kolander, Fulda, Minn.
- Circuit 4.* Mr. M. Raabe, R. 3, Elk River, Minn.

Especially Delegated.

- Rev. A. Bartz, 518 Third Ave., E. Alexandria, Minn. (Board of Support).
- Prof. W. Walther, St. Paul, Minn. (District Mission Board).

NORTH DAKOTA AND MONTANA DISTRICT.

President J. P. Klausler, Hankinson, N. Dak.

Voting Pastors and Lay Delegates.

- Circuit 1.* Rev. R. J. Becker, 416 Pembina Ave., Wahpeton, N. Dak. — Mr. Paul Meyer, Wahpeton, N. Dak.
- Circuit 2.* Rev. Paul Ernst, Edgeley, N. Dak. — Mr. Aug. Quellman, Oakes, N. Dak.
- Circuit 3.* Rev. A. H. Teyler, R. 1, Willow City, N. Dak. — Mr. Edw. Dahlke, Kermit, N. Dak.
- Circuit 4.* Rev. M. T. Jank, Hillsboro, N. Dak. — Mr. P. J. Bohnsack, Hillsboro, N. Dak.
- Circuit 5.* Rev. A. Pera, R. 1, Woodworth, N. Dak. — Mr. J. C. Meyer, Mandan, N. Dak.

Circuit 6. Rev. A. L. Wohlfeil, Hannover, N. Dak. — Mr. Daniel Walz, Zap, N. Dak.

Circuit 7. Rev. E. A. Huber, 1101 First Ave., Great Falls, Mont. — Mr. A. C. Hinck, Havre, Mont.

Advisory Pastor.

Rev. H. T. Rauh, Billings, Mont.

Especially Delegated.

Rev. H. F. Buegel, 608 S. Third St., Grand Forks, N. Dak. (Home Missions).

Rev. H. F. Gerike, Dodge, N. Dak. (Mission Board).

NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT.

President Alex Ullrich, 309 S. Stone St., La Grange, Ill.

Voting Pastors and Lay Delegates.

Circuit 1. Rev. C. W. Frenk, 633 N. 13th St., De Kalb, Ill. — Mr. Bernhard Ettner, Belvidere, Ill.

Circuit 2. Rev. M. Fuelling, 237 N. California Ave., Chicago, Ill. — Mr. D. H. Laue, 704 N. Labrobe Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Circuit 3. Rev. C. Hoffmann, 1501 Melrose St., Chicago, Ill. — Mr. Henry Weyer, Chicago, Ill.

Circuit 4. Rev. W. L. Mueller, 1825 W. Marquette Rd., Chicago, Ill. — Mr. August Haack, 4748 Laffin St., Chicago, Ill.

Circuit 5. Rev. L. H. Beto, Lena, Ill. — Mr. John Jung, 527 Locust St., Rockford, Ill.

Circuit 6. Rev. H. Dannenfeldt, R. 1, Villa Park, Ill. — Mr. Fred Rittmueller, Addison, Ill.

Circuit 7. Rev. R. Geffert, 15203 Center Ave., Harvey, Ill. — Mr. Henry Sporleder, Crete, Ill.

Circuit 8. Rev. A. Dahms, 1400 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago, Ill. — Mr. Fred Mueller, 1517 N. Mansfield Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Circuit 9. Rev. E. A. Brauer, 311 E. Main St., Dundee, Ill. — Mr. Philip Schilthelm, 405 High St., Sycamore, Ill.

Circuit 10. Rev. E. G. Jehn, 3650 S. Honore St., Chicago, Ill. — Mr. Chas. Lindemann, 3063 Broad St., Chicago, Ill.

Circuit 11. Rev. P. Sauer, 910 N. Hoyne Ave., Chicago, Ill. — Mr. Carl Sievert, 562 Thatcher Ave., River Forest, Ill.

Circuit 12. Rev. W. Martens, 9027 Houston Ave., Chicago, Ill. — Mr. Fr. Scharbach, 536 State St., Calumet City, Ill.

Circuit 13. Rev. E. Hieber, Matteson, Ill. — Mr. August Luering, Matteson, Ill.

Circuit 14. Rev. O. Rockhoff, 100 Sheridan Ave., Brookfield, Ill. — Mr. John Wittmann, 1016 Arlington Ave., La Grange, Ill.

Circuit 15. Rev. G. Huebener, Buckley, Ill. — Mr. Herm. Mussmann, R. 1, Grant Park, Ill.

Circuit 16. Rev. W. Lippmann, 2540 Oak St., River Grove, Ill. — Mr. Rudolf Heyer, 1906 S. Ridgeland Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

Circuit 17. Rev. H. Heise, 1504 Henry Pl., Waukegan, Ill. — Mr. Edwin Fromm, 1330 Maple Ave., Wilmette, Ill.

Circuit 18. Rev. G. Theiss, R. 1, Roselle, Ill. — Mr. Herman Hansing, Ontarioville, Ill.

Circuit 19. Rev. H. C. Richter, 254 N. Park Ave., Park Ridge, Ill. — Mr. H. C. Freise, Palatine, Ill.

Circuit 20. Rev. W. Bezold, 220 12th Street, Lockport, Ill. — Mr. Carl Greb, Summit, Ill.

Advisory Pastors.

Circuit 1. Rev. Theo. Engel, 3810 S. Sacramento Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Circuit 2. Rev. W. W. Oetting, R. 1, Galt, Ill.

Circuit 3. Rev. L. Steinbach, 644 E. Bluff St., Marseilles, Ill.

Circuit 4. Rev. H. C. Fricke, 304 Douglas Ave., Arlington Heights, Ill.

Teachers.

- Circuit 1.* Mr. C. H. Buerger, Addison, Ill.
Circuit 2. Mr. J. Schmidt, 648 Garfield Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Circuit 3. Mr. O. Kolb, 2 R. 2, Des Plaines, Ill.
Circuit 4. Mr. A. Nottke, 3121 N. Linder Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Circuit 5. Mr. R. List, 6431 Parnell Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Circuit 6. Mr. O. Wegner, 3758 Castello Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Circuit 7. Mr. Th. Wichmann, Crete, Ill.
Circuit 8. Mr. G. Niethammer, 6423 Wayne St., Rogers Park, Chicago, Ill.
Circuit 9. Mr. Th. Markworth, 1612 Walnut Ave., Des Plaines, Ill.
Circuit 10. Mr. A. F. Christian, Algonquin, Ill.
Circuit 11. Mr. J. Weisz, 615 N. 12th Ave., Melrose Park, Ill.
Circuit 12. Mr. B. J. Seitz, 129 Franklin Ave., River Forest, Ill.
Circuit 13. Mr. W. Bachert, 377 Second Ave., Aurora, Ill.
Circuit 14. Mr. W. Kraegel, Oak Glen, Ill.
Circuit 15. Mr. P. T. Buszin, Supt., 4839 Warner Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Especially Delegated.

Rev. M. Nickel, 7926 Ogden Ave., Lyons, Ill. (N. Ill. School Board).
 Teacher Paul Buszin, 4839 Warner Ave., Chicago, Ill. (Board of Christian Education of Northern Illinois District).

NORTHERN NEBRASKA DISTRICT.

President W. Harms, R. 3, Bancroft, Nebr.

Voting Pastors and Lay Delegates.

- Circuit 1.* Rev. Paul E. F. Rohlfing, 1907 Spring St., Omaha, Nebr. — Mr. Chas. Voigtman, Louisville, Nebr.
Circuit 2. Rev. Theo. Norden, R. 1, Hooper, Nebr. — Mr. John Jensen, Cedar Bluffs, Nebr.
Circuit 3. Rev. E. Oelschlaeger, 325 Colfax St., West Point, Nebr. — Mr. Amos Musbach, Scribner, Nebr.
Circuit 4. Rev. H. A. Fisher, Platte Center, Nebr. — Mr. Gerhard Reins, R. 1, Creston, Nebr.
Circuit 5. Rev. M. E. Mayer, 424 Fourth St., Norfolk, Nebr. — Mr. Carl Stelling, Sr., Orchard, Nebr.
Circuit 6. Rev. M. Jung, Martinsburg, Nebr. — Mr. Dane Heald, Ponca, Nebr.
Circuit 7. Rev. G. W. Ditzen, R. 1, Battle Creek, Nebr. — Mr. M. G. Doering, Battle Creek, Nebr.
Circuit 8. Rev. E. Budde, Box 364, Foster, Nebr. — Mr. Amandus Gutz, Osmond, Nebr.
Circuit 9. Rev. H. M. Roth, Box 331, Rushville, Nebr. — Mr. Aug. Meyer, 8 12th & Mississippi Ave., Alliance, Nebr.

Advisory Pastors.

- Circuit 1.* Rev. Geo. Pullmann, R. 2, Wausa, Nebr.
Circuit 2. Rev. Wm. Ludwig, L. B. 624, 1106 Eighth St., Scottsbluff, Nebr.

Teachers.

- Circuit 1.* Mr. F. Ott, R. 4, Scribner, Nebr.
Circuit 2. Mr. J. H. Brase, Battle Creek, Nebr.

Especially Delegated.

Rev. G. W. Wolter, Arlington, Nebr. (Board of Support; representative of Northern Nebraska District in the Lodge Appeal case).
 Teacher H. Hillman, Seward, Nebr. (Superintendent of Schools).
 Teacher J. H. Brase, Battle Creek, Nebr. (District School Board).

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

President H. Daib, 1005 Fourth Street, Merrill, Wis.

Voting Pastors and Lay Delegates.

- Circuit 1.* Rev. C. W. Schreiber, Suring, Wis. — Mr. Wm. Belter, R. 1, Luxemburg, Wis.
Circuit 2. Rev. W. Plischke, Bonduel, Wis. — Mr. F. A. Jaeckel,¹ 204 S. Lincoln St., Shawano, Wis.
Circuit 3. Rev. W. List, Embarrass, Wis. — Mr. Julius Schoenike, R. 2, Birnamwood, Wis.
Circuit 4. Rev. R. Karpinsky, Manawa, Wis. — Mr. Aug. Bonke,³ Clintonville, Wis.
Circuit 5. Rev. C. M. Krueger, R. 5, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. — Mr. R. H. Greunke,² Auburndale, Wis.
Circuit 6. Rev. W. Kohn, 105 State St., Merrill, Wis. — Mr. Otto Genrich, 1700 Main St., Merrill, Wis.
Circuit 7. Rev. J. H. Nau,² R. 2, Wausau, Wis. — Mr. Albert Sturm, R. 5, Merrill, Wis.
Circuit 8. Rev. E. Feldscher, Hancock, Mich. — Mr. J. P. Petermann,² Laurium, Mich.
Circuit 9. Rev. E. Malueg, R. 1, Edgar, Wis. — Mr. Wm. Lehman.
Circuit 10. Rev. G. Heilman, Greenwood, Wis. ($\frac{1}{2}$) and Rev. P. Hahn, Phillips, Wis. ($\frac{1}{2}$). — Mr. Chas. W. Bornhoeft, R. 1, Phillips, Wis.
Circuit 11. Rev. O. Hattstaedt, 707 Ellis Ave., Ashland, Wis. — Mr. Herman Droege, R. 2, Cumberland, Wis.
Circuit 12. Rev. J. Williams, Glenwood City, Wis. — Mr. E. C. Cloeter,³ R. 1, Emerald, Wis.
Circuit 13. Rev. K. D. Bubeck, Cadott, Wis. — Mr. Robert Zank,² Fairchild, Wis.

Advisory Pastor.

Rev. O. Boettcher, R. 1, Gresham, Wis.

Teachers.

- Circuit 1.* Mr. A. G. Kuntz, 87 Hemlock St., Clintonville, Wis.
Circuit 2. Mr. Albert Mueller, Wausau, Wis.

Especially Delegated.

Rev. W. Piehler, Merrill, Wis. (North Wisconsin Mission Board).

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT.

President Henry Mueller, Fairmont, Okla.

Voting Pastors and Lay Delegates.

- Circuit 1.* Rev. C. Matthies, 728 W. Kansas Ave., Blackwell, Okla. — Mr. John Brase, Orlando, Okla.
Circuit 2. Rev. K. Schaaf, 404 S. 17th St., Chickasha, Okla. — Mr. Theo. Hieber, Lone Wolf, Okla.
Circuit 3. Rev. George Hoyer,³ Broken Arrow, Okla. — Mr. G. A. Going, 202 S. K Street, Muskogee, Okla.
Circuit 4. Rev. Otto Hoyer, 826 Third St., Alva, Okla. — Mr. Henry Ehlers, Lahoma, Okla.

Teacher.

Mr. A. W. Lietz, 1501 Broadway, Enid, Okla.

Especially Delegated.

Mr. A. C. Dubberstein, 507 W. Ninth St., Oklahoma City, Okla. (Mission Board of the Oklahoma District).

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

President J. Malinsky, R. 5, Stratford, Ont., Can.

Voting Pastors and Lay Delegates.

Circuit 1. Rev. A. Orzen, 79 Queen St., S. Kitchener, Ont., Can. — Mr. John Runge, Clifford, Ont., Can.

Circuit 2. Rev. A. Dashner, 326 McKay St., Ottawa, Ont., Can. — Mr. Aug. Winges, 171 Glenora Ave., Ottawa, East Ont., Can.

Circuit 3. Rev. L. Higenell, R. 1, Port Colborne, Ont., Can. — Mr. J. C. Von der Au, 28 Grosvenor Ave., Hamilton, Ont., Can.

Advisory Pastor.

Rev. W. D. Bauer, Desboro, Ont., Can.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

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1. Alberta and British Columbia	2	2	4	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Argentine	—	—	—	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Atlantic	12	11	23	1	—	3	2	—	6	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
4. Brazil	—	—	—	†	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. California and Nevada	4	3	7	1	—	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
6. Central	22	21	43	1	—	2	12	—	15	—	2	3	—	—	—	4
7. Central Illinois	11	10	21	1	—	1	3	—	5	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
8. Colorado	2	2	4	1	—	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
9. Eastern	15	15	30	1	—	1	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
10. English	19	17	36	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	—	—	—	1
11. Iowa	18	17	35	1	—	3	4	—	8	—	3	3	—	—	—	3
12. Kansas	12	9	21	1	—	1	3	—	5	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
13. Manitoba and Saskatchewan	4	3	7	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	1
14. Michigan	17	16	33	1	—	1	11	—	13	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
15. Minnesota	19	19	38	1	—	2	5	—	8	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
16. North Dakota and Montana	7	6	13	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
17. Northern Illinois	20	20	40	1	—	3	15	—	19	—	1	1	—	—	—	3
18. Northern Nebraska	9	8	17	1	—	2	2	—	5	—	3	3	—	—	—	1
19. North Wisconsin	13	10	23	1	—	1	2	—	4	—	1	1	—	—	—	1
20. Oklahoma	3	4	7	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
21. Ontario	3	3	6	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Oregon and Washington	2	2	4	1	—	1	1	—	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
23. South Dakota	6	5	11	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
24. Southern	3	3	6	1	—	2	4	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25. Southern Illinois	8	7	15	1	—	1	3	—	5	—	1	1	—	—	—	4
26. Southern Nebraska	11	10	21	1	—	1	2	—	4	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
27. South Wisconsin	9	10	19	1	—	2	5	—	8	—	1	1	—	—	—	3
28. Texas	6	5	11	1	—	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
29. Western	25	22	47	1	—	1	5	—	7	—	3	3	—	—	—	2
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* Represented by Prof. B. Ergang. † Represented by Prof. P. Schelp.

Committees.

The reports, memorials, and petitions to Synod were referred to special committees appointed by the President from the register of Synod before the opening of Synod and so published in the official papers, the *Lutheraner* and the *Lutheran Witness*. Necessary changes in these committees were made during the first sessions. At the close of the first session — or even before — most of the committee members met to arrange for time and place of meeting. All the unprinted memorials, at this time, were given to the respective chairmen. The following were elected from the floor to constitute a Nominating Committee for committees on appeals: Pastors G. A. Schulze (Albany), E. A. Huber (Montana), R. Theiss (Roselle, Ill.); lay delegates: H. Roth (Michigan), F. G. Lange (Ohio), H. Schumacher (Milwaukee); Teacher Fischle (North Tonawanda, N. Y.).

Committees and Their Work.

NOTE. — Numbers over 100 refer to printed, numbers under 100, to unprinted documents.

Committee 1: Institutions. Reports and Memorials: 101—130. 132. 12, Extension of Higher Education: California and Nevada District. 20, Board of Control, Springfield. 23, *Schuld in Winfield*. 28, College Credits: River Forest Faculty. — All District Presidents. The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Directors. Pastors: Luebke (Mich.), Beke-meier (S. Ill.), Kohn (N. Wis.), Krog (Iowa). Professor: Brommer. Teacher: Lietz (Okla.). Lay delegates: Jensen (N. Nebr.), Ballerstein (East.), Drinkgern (Colo.), Zobel (Mich.), Polack (Engl.). Advisory member: Treasurer of Synod. Chairman: President Grueber.

Committee 2: Credentials and Registration. — Pastors: E. A. Brauer (N. Ill.), Steinbach (N. Ill.). Teacher: Wichmann (N. Ill.). Lay delegates: Frieser (Engl.), Jung (N. Ill.).

Committee 3: Nominations. Committee appointed by a synodical committee. — Pastors: Blievernicht (Cent.), Hoffmann (N. Ill.), R. Heyns (Minn.), Abel (Atl.), H. Reuter (South.), G. Smukal (Cal.-Nev.), P. Brammer (Iowa). Teachers: Schaars (S. Wis.), Matthes (Mich.), P. Arndt (West.). Lay delegates: Schaefer (Engl.), Echtenkamp (East.), Besalski (Tex.), Mailahn (N. Wis.), Kloster (Kans.).

Committee 4: Elections. — Pastor Randt (Minn.).

Committee 5: Appropriations. — Presidents: Daib, Schinnerer. Pastor: A. Brueggemann. Professor: F. C. Schmitt. Messrs. A. Ahlbrand, Th. Eckhart, H. Wahlers (Brooklyn).

Committee 6: Parochial Schools and Sunday-schools. 201—203. 205—208. 31. Boy Scout Movement: School Board. *Eingabe des Nord-Illinois-Distrikts.* — Pastors: Mencke (S. Wis.), Nordsieck (Cent.), F. J. Seltz (Minn.), Mieger (Cal.-Nev.). Professors: Laetsch, Rusch. Teachers: Brase (N. Nebr.), Wukasch (West.), Buszin (N. Ill.). Lay delegates: Headman (Mich.), Genrich (N. Wis.), Zaft (S. Dak.), Studt, Atl.).

Committee 7: Juvenile Work. 410. 411. — Pastors: Bielenberg (East.), Mayer (N. Nebr.), Nuernberg (S. Dak.), Stelzer (Tex.). Professor: Polack. Teachers: Schroeder (Minn.), Mantey (Oreg.-Wash.). Lay delegates: Pfitzer (West.), Kohlmeier (Kans.), Rehmer (S. Ill.), Henning (Engl.).

Committee 8: Home Missions in North America and Church Extension Fund: 301—303. 310. 22, Clearing-house Method of Reporting Removals: Widiger. Apportionment of Home Mission Subsidy. — Pastors: O. H. Schmidt (Cent.), Schroeder (Iowa), G. Hoyer (Okla.), Wieting (S. Dak.), Messerli (Oreg.-Wash.). Professor: Studtmann. Teachers: Finke (Kans.), Wichmann (Mich.). Lay delegates: Schuetz (Alta.-B. C.), Burfeind (West.), Raasch (Cal.-Nev.), Schurbert (S. Wis.), Dahlke (N. Dak.-Mont.).

Committee 9: Missions in South America: 305. 306. 2. — Pastors: Vogel (West.), Busch (Minn.), Heilman (S. Nebr.), E. Huebner (S. Wis.), Theiss (N. Ill.). Professor: Klein. Teachers: Moerbe (South.), Floering (Cent.). Lay delegates: Hopfer (Kans.), Schendel (Man.-Sask.), Hartwig (Mich.), Noll (Atl.), Senne (Iowa). Advisory members: Professors Schelp, Ergang.

Committee 10: Deaf-mute, Blind, and Jewish Missions: 314. 14. *Bericht der Judenmissionskommission.* Report of Deaf-mute and Blind Missions. — Pastors: Claus (Mich.), Pennekamp (Kans.), Am End (Minn.), Damschroeder (Engl.). Teacher: Kuntz (N. Wis.). Lay delegates: Rittmueller (N. Ill.), Fink (East.), Braun (South.), Huescher (West.).

Committee 11: Foreign-tongue, Indian, and Negro Missions. 304. 311. 313. 406. 32, Indian Missions: Sam Miller. — Pastors: Graesser (Atl.), Klammer (Minn.), Wyppich (East.), P. D. Mueller (Kans.). Professor: Rehwinkel. Teacher: Roediger (S. Wis.). Lay delegates: Sporleder (N. Ill.), Boerger (Tex.), Petermann (N. Wis.), Eickhoff (Cent.).

Committee 12: Foreign Missions: 131. 307. 312. 13, Memorial on Missionary Education: Rev. Feucht. *Vertreter nach Australien.* — Pastors: Schulze (Atl.), Oelschlaeger (N. Nebr.), Traugott (Kans.), Doerffler (Engl.). Professor: Dr. Fuerbringer. Teacher: Segelhorst (Mich.). Lay delegates: Zorn (Cent.), Wings (Ont.), A. Meyer (N. Nebr.), Otto (S. Nebr.).

Committee 13: Missions in Europe, Immigrant and Seamen's Missions. 308. 309. — Pastors: Heyne (Cent. Ill.), Deffner (Kans.), Eggers (Cent.), Appelt (Alta.-B. C.). Professor: Baepler. Teacher: Wyssmann (West.). Lay delegates: Graebner (Mich.), Tetzlaff (Minn.). Recknagel (Atl.), Claussen (Iowa).

Committee 14: Constitutional Matters: 204. 315. 404. 405. 412—417. 1. S. 8. 21, Incorporation: Southern District. 27, Reduced Fare for School Superintendents: School Board. 33, Concerning Elections: Chicago Pastoral Conference. A Petition of Board of Foreign Missions. Change of paragraph concerning District officers. — Pastors: Krueger (West.), Robert (Tex.), Birkner (Cent.), Becker (N. Dak.-Mont.). Professors: M. Graebner, Schoede. Teachers: Frank (Atl.), Dittmar (Iowa). Lay delegates: Wengert (S. Wis.), Rau (Mich.), Reinke (S. Nebr.), Heyer (N. Ill.).

Committee 15: Lodges: 407—409. 29, Letter of New York Local Conference. — Pastors: Maschoff (West.), Hertwig (Mich.), Henze (Atl.), Moebus (Tex.), Jank (N. Dak.-Mont.), Rudnick (Cal.-Nev.). Professor: J. T. Mueller. Teacher: Wegner (N. Ill.). Lay delegates: Von der Au (Ont.), Warneke (Iowa), Hiller (Colo.), Kneuper (S. Dak.).

Committee 16: Publications: 501—513. 16, Improvements on the King James Version: Proviso Mixed Conference, N. Ill. Dist. 17, Translation of Luther's Works into English: Committee. — Pastors: Moll (Cent.), Heise (N. Ill.), Plischke (N. Wis.), Schroedel (Engl.), Orzen (Ont.). Professors: Fritz, Blankenbuehler. Teachers: Brase (Okla.), Schumacher (S. Ill.). Lay delegates: Horn (Cent. Ill.), Schlichting (West.), O. Meyer (Minn.), Dauss (Cal.-Nev.), Spomer (S. Dak.).

Committee 17: Finances: 601—610. 9, Report of Legacy Office. 24, Building Fund in Budget: Financial Committee, Western District. 25, Synodical Auditor: Financial Committee, Western District. — Pastors: Weiss (Cent. Ill.), Dallmann (East.), Dannenfeldt (N. Ill.), Lederer (Mich.), Ludwig (N. Nebr.). Professor: Krueger. Teachers: Wolters (Kans.), Braun (S. Nebr.). Lay delegates: Witzel (Engl.), Tietjen (Atl.), Boehne (Cent.), Mintzclaff (N. Wis.), Doepel (West.), Schaar (Minn.).

Committee 18: Support: 611. 612. 6. — Pastors: Rittamel (S. Nebr.), Graebner (S. Wis.), O. Hoyer (Okla.). Professor: Bertram. Teachers: Keul (Colo.), Markworth (N. Ill.). Lay delegates: Merlau (Cent.), Winters (Minn.), Roth (Mich.), Nolde (East.), Meinert (West.), Rubin (Cent. Ill.).

Committee 19: Intersynodical Matters: 401—403. 28, Memorial of Northeastern Iowa Pastoral Conference. — Pastors: Karpinsky (N. Wis.), Mayer, D. D. (Mich.), Eickstaedt (Cent.), Hanssen (Iowa), Schuetz (S. Nebr.). Professors: Dr. Pieper, Dr. Kretzmann, Barth. Teachers: Runge (Cent. Ill.), Burmeister (S. Wis.). Lay delegates: Wendorf (Minn.), Mans (Man.-Sask.), Graue (Oreg.-Wash.).

Committee 20: Applications for Membership: — Pastors: Pooker (Kans.), M. L. Mueller (Colo.). Teachers: Brink (Cent. Ill.), Raabe (Minn.). Lay delegates: Hinek (N. Dak.-Mont.), Martens (Iowa).

Committee 21 a: Appeals: St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, Md. Pastor H. Guckenberger. — Pastors: M. Ilse, Sr. (Cent.), K. Daib (Iowa). Teachers: G. L. Maschhoff (West.), J. Schmidt (N. Ill.). Lay delegate: B. H. Laue.

Committee 21 b: Appeals: Pastor G. Schwankowsky, Michigan District. Pastor G. E. Ristow, Michigan District. Mrs. Lampe. — Pastor: E. Kraus (East.). Teachers: M. Starke (Cent.), E. M. Dressler (Atl.). Lay delegate: E. J. Echtenkamp (East.).

Committee 21 c: Appeals: Rev. J. A. Duchow, Oregon and Washington District. Mr. H. Reinitz. Mr. M. N. Hoffmann. — Pastors: L. Wohlfeil (N. Dak.), P. G. Schmidt (Cent.). Teachers: A. B. Seefeldt (S. Wis.), O. Kamprath (Iowa). Lay delegate: H. C. Gieselmann (West.).

Committee 21 d: Appeals: Revs. Cloeter and Simon. H. F. Pieper. Mr. A. F. Parge and others in Orange, Cal. — Pastors: A. J. Herbert (Atl.), J. F. Wenchel (Engl.). Teachers: M. Braunschweiger (Cent.), H. O. Bloch (S. Nebr.). Lay delegate: F. Stork (Cent. Ill.).

Committee 21 e: Appeals: Rev. F. W. Seesko. — Pastors: B. Selcke (Cent. Ill.), Theo. Dannenfeldt (Cent.). Teachers: O. E. W. Doroh (Mich.), M. Keul (Colo.). Lay delegate: Edwin Camann (East.).

Committee 22: Press Committee and KFUD: 613. 701. — Pastors: Hageman (Engl.), Walker (East.), Vogel (Iowa), Lohmann (West.). Professors: Heintze, Dr. Hemmeter. Teachers: Markworth (Cent.), Seefeldt (S. Wis.). Lay delegates: Kuhn (Minn.), Krieger (S. Ill.), Schuster (S. Nebr.), Moeller (Cent. Ill.).

Committee 23: Miscellaneous; — Committee on Resolutions: 702 to 705. 7. 10, Report of Committee on Church Architecture. — Pastors: Beiderwieden (S. Ill.), Hattstaedt (N. Wis.), Hyatt (Man.-Sask.), Feiertag (Colo.), Hanser (Atl.). Professor: Burhop. Teachers: Schmid (Cal.-Nev.), Reuss (East.). Lay delegates: F. Schulz (Minn.), Nuss (Kans.), F. Mueller (N. Ill.), Kellenberg (Iowa), Neupert (Cent.).

Committee 24: Excuses: Pastors: Rohloff (S. Ill.), Horsch (N. Ill.), Tiemann (S. Wis.). Teachers: Schroeer (Cent.), Suhr (Iowa). Lay delegates: Keller (South.), Quellmann (N. Dak.-Mont.).

New Members Received into Synod.

I. Congregations (on recommendation of Committee 20):—

1) Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo., into the Western District. In regard to the constitution of this congregation it was recommended that paragraph 20, in which the unalterable paragraphs are mentioned, be also included in the list of the unalterable paragraphs.

2) *Die Deutsche Ev.-Luth. Zionsgemeinde*, Binford, Griggs Co., N. Dak., into the North Dakota and Montana District. In regard to the constitution of this congregation it was recommended that paragraphs 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 17, and 20, which are alterable according to the constitution, be also included in the list of the unalterable paragraphs.

The constitutions of the following congregations were examined and approved by their respective District committees on constitutions and were recommended to membership of Synod:—

3) Memorial Ev. Luth. Church, Toledo, O., into the English District.

4) Redeemer Ev. Luth. Church, Elmhurst, Ill., into the English District.

5) Pilgrim Ev. Luth. Church, Kenmore, Buffalo, N. Y., into the English District.

6) Grace Ev. Luth. Church, Pontiac, Mich., into the English District.

7) Christ Ev. Luth. Church, Maplewood, N. J., into the English District.

8) Trinity Ev. Luth. Church, Cissna Park, Ill., into the Central Illinois District.

9) Ev. Luth. Church of Our Redeemer, Evansville, Ind., into the Central District.

A communication was received from Grace Ev. Luth. Church of St. Petersburg, Fla., but since the constitution was not submitted to the committee nor approved by the Southern District membership committee, Committee 20 did not recommend it to membership of Synod at the present time.

II. Pastors and Teachers (on recommendation of the respective District presidents):—

Atlantic District. Pastors: Wilbur H. Luecke (St. Louis, 1927), Bronxville, N. Y.; A. E. Kokkonen, Jersey City, N. J. — *Candidates:* Wm. Bruening (St. Louis, 1929), Wakefield, N. Y., for the Mission; Hugo Ness (St. Louis, 1928), Bridgeton, N. J. — *Missionaries:* M. G. Kuolt (St. Louis, 1923; from New York), Ambur, India; S. G. Lang (St. Louis, 1926; from Connecticut), Vaniyambadi, India; A. Von Schlichten, Jr. (1927; from New York), Ambur, India; Hy. Schulz (St. Louis, 1925; from Connecticut), Ambur, India.

Central District. Pastors: K. M. Zorn, Wauwatosa (1925), called to India in 1927; Edwin C. Abendroth (St. Louis, 1927), pastor of Ev. Luth. Church, Shore Haven, Cleveland, O. — *Teachers:* Paul W. Jaebker (River Forest, 1928), St. Paul's Church, Evansville, Ind.; L. W. Kaemming (River Forest, 1928), Trinity Church, Vallonia, Ind.; Homer Moritz (River Forest, 1928), Mount Calvary Church, Cleveland, O.; F. C. Neusiis (River Forest, 1928), St. James's Church, Logansport, Ind.; Wilfred Rafert (River Forest, 1928), Trinity Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.; R. C. Ranke (River Forest, 1928), Grace Church, Cincinnati, O.; C. H. Schmidt (River Forest, 1928), St. Peter's Church, North Judson, Ind.; Fred Walther (River Forest, 1928), St. Paul's Church, Indiana Harbor, Ind. — *Candidates:* Robert M. Zorn (St. Louis, 1928), missionary to India; H. H. Backs (Springfield, 1929), called to Mount Calvary Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Allen Fedder (St. Louis, 1929), Concordia Church, Columbus, O.; E. Stegen (St. Louis, 1929), Bloomington-Bedford, Ind.

Central Illinois District. Pastor: Alvin A. Mueller (St. Louis, 1927), missionary to India.

Colorado District. Pastors: John Knippenberg (St. Louis), Glenwood Springs, Colo.; Paul H. Scheer (St. Louis), Flagler, Colo. — *Teacher:* Franklin H. Oetting (Seward), Pueblo, Colo.

English District. Pastor: Karl Maier (St. Louis, 1926), Waynesboro, Va.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan District. Pastors: G. A. Gehrs (St. Louis, 1929), Fox Valley, Sask., Can.; O. J. Hinrichs (Springfield, 1929), Port Arthur, Ont., Can.

Michigan District. Pastors: H. P. Dorn (St. Louis, 1928), Grand Rapids, Mich.; H. A. Reischauer (Springfield, 1928), Arcadia, Mich.; Lymon E. Jones (Springfield, 1928), Freesoil, Mich. — *Teachers:* W. H. Dietzel (Seward, 1928), Detroit, Mich.; W. Pagenkopf (River Forest, 1928), Saginaw, Mich.; R. O. Korf (River Forest, 1928), Saginaw, Mich.

Minnesota District. Pastors: E. Dreyer, Miltna, Minn.; A. Bussmann, Roseau, Minn.; Th. Krenzke, Hollandale, Minn. — *Teachers:* A. Eilrich, South St. Paul, Minn.; E. Hinze, Rich Valley, Minn.; H. P. A. Westermann, Elgin, Minn.

Northern Illinois District. Pastors: Paul A. J. Mueller (Chicago), India; Candidate Alvin Wagner. — *Teachers:* John F. Koehn; Robert Metzger; Marvin Meyer; Charles J. Plenke; Geo. Wenthe. — *Candidates:* Edgar Abraham; Hermann Speckhard; James Strayer; Oscar Welde.

Oklahoma District. Pastor: R. H. Brauer (St. Louis), called to India in 1925.

South Dakota District. Pastors: Phil. Albrecht (St. Louis), New Underwood, S. Dak.; E. L. Burgdorf (St. Louis), Woonsocket, S. Dak.

Werner Juergens (Springfield), Spencer, S. Dak.; A. H. Laesch (St. Louis), Brooking, S. Dak.; R. M. Muhl (Springfield), Dallas, S. Dak.; C. M. Reiher (Springfield), Lebanon, S. Dak.; L. J. Rausch (St. Louis), Presheo, S. Dak. — *Teacher*: Elmer Eggert (Seward), Canistota, S. Dak.

South Wisconsin District. Teacher Candidates: Raymond Arndt (Seward), Zoar Church, Milwaukee, Wis.; Victor Wassermann (Seward), Gospel Church, Milwaukee, Wis.; E. Runge (River Forest), Jackson, Wis.; A. E. Doering (River Forest), Chilton, Wis.

Western District. Pastors: Prof. Paul Mehl (St. Louis), assistant professor at Concordia, Mo. (ordained as assistant to the pastor at Blackburn, Mo.); P. Eckert (St. Louis), missionary to India. — *Candidate*: Fred K. Kissel (St. Louis), Valley Park, Mo. — *Teachers*: Albert E. Eickmann (Seward), St. Louis (Bethlehem); C. E. Brockmann (Seward), Uniontown, Mo.; P. Obst (River Forest), Sedalia, Mo.; Wayne Zahnnow (River Forest), St. Louis (Gethsemane); R. Schumann (River Forest), Maplewood, Mo.; C. Tucker (River Forest), Cape Girardeau, Mo. — *Candidates*: Arnold Boehme (River Forest), Perryville, Mo.; Herbert Grebing (River Forest), Farrar, Mo.

I. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

A. Resolutions Affecting Individual Institutions.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

Since the last convention of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States in June, 1926, at St. Louis, Mo., the faculty and student-body of Concordia Seminary have taken possession of the new buildings.

The enrolment during the past years was as follows:—

Year	Enrolled	Present	Absent	Vicaring	Postgraduates
1926-27	413	352	61	48	16
1927-28	443	372	71	60	16
1928-29	478	401	77	65	10

The school-year 1928—29 saw the largest enrolment in the history of the institution.

During the past triennium three new members joined the Faculty in the persons of Prof. Theo. Engelder, D. D., Prof. R. W. Heintze, librarian, and Prof. Theo. Laetsch.

During this triennium we have been privileged, on October 19, 1928, to observe the fiftieth anniversary of Prof. F. Pieper, D. D., as professor and instructor at Concordia Seminary. The institution likewise observed the thirty-fifth anniversary of Prof. L. Fuerbringer,

D. D., as professor of Concordia Seminary and the thirty-fifth anniversary of Mr. A. G. Brauer as member of the Board of Control.

The Board of Control calls attention to the fact that Dr. F. Bente is not receiving any remuneration from Synod. The Board of Control feels that Synod ought to take note of the outstanding, self-sacrificing service which Dr. Bente has rendered Synod for many years as professor, editor, and author.

The Postgraduate Department has now been conducted for seven years. The results have been very satisfactory. Foreign missionaries on furlough in this country have also availed themselves of the opportunity of attending some of the classes in this department. During these seven years sixty-three students and two visitors attended the Postgraduate Department. Five of these came from other synods.

The Correspondence Course, established according to resolution of Synod six years ago, has been continued through this past triennium. At the present time ninety-six are enrolled, and forty-seven of these are doing regular work. Special gifts by alumni and friends have enabled this department to establish a Loan Library of 340 volumes, which are at the disposal of men taking the various courses. Twenty-seven different courses are offered.

During the last triennium a number of bequests were made to Concordia Seminary: \$500 from Miss Elvina Pohlman, \$10,000 from Mr. Theo. L. Lamprecht, and \$10,000 from Mr. Fred G. Haueisen for the Students' Endowment Fund.

Through the kindness of the Lutheran Publicity Organization of St. Louis, Mo., the statue of Martin Luther was removed at a cost of \$800 from the old Seminary grounds to the new institution and has been placed so as to face the proposed Martin Luther Tower.

During the past triennium the Building Committee, consisting of the Board of Control and a number of men who were asked to assist in this important work, completed its work. The following men served on the Building Committee with the Board: Messrs. A. W. Thias, Wm. Wischmeyer, L. Stockho, Hy. W. Horst, Samuel Kowert, L. J. Rupprecht, Chas. J. Wehking, Jr., J. P. Hahn, Hy. Bente, deceased, Professors L. Fuerbringer, D. D., Theo. Graebner, and John H. C. Fritz. Mr. Chas. Wehking, Jr., has been retained, and he still continues to serve the Board of Control as advisory member. Also Mr. J. P. Hahn, a former member of the Board, has been requested to continue as custodian of the old Seminary buildings.

Special gifts were made by Mr. Henry Horst for the purpose of establishing a playground for the children of the professors and a horse-shoe court for the students. Mr. Horst has likewise, in memory of his sainted wife, placed a number of memorials at the various entrances of the institution in the form of shrubberies, trees, and

flower-beds. The student-body has placed a huge electric cross on one of the towers of KFUE, which can be seen for miles.

In place of Prof. Theo. Laetsch, who had been elected member of the Board of Control at the last convention, but who since then was chosen professor of Concordia Seminary, the Board of Control elected Pastor Alfred Doerfler.

Requests.

The Board of Control makes the following requests:—

1. We ask that residences be built on the Seminary grounds for Profs. R. Heintze and Theo. Laetsch, who at present are greatly inconvenienced by not living near the Seminary. It is very difficult to rent near the Seminary, and the rents there are very high.

2. We also petition Synod to erect residences for the two professors for whom the Board of Control is asking at the present time.

3. At the last convention of Synod, St. Louis was granted two additional professors. Owing to the money stringency, however, the Faculty asked your Board to call only one of these. We ask that we be permitted to call the second man now whom Synod has allowed us.

The Board of Control, together with the Faculty, joins the Foreign Missions Board in its request to Synod to arrange a Missionary Department at Concordia Seminary as an experiment. The Foreign Missions Board deems it advisable that students to be sent into foreign fields stay in this country one year after their assignment to make further necessary preparations for their calling in foreign fields. If the petition of the Mission Board is granted, the Board of Control asks Synod to call a second additional professor to Concordia Seminary, since this will increase the number of students as well as the work to be done by the Faculty.

4. KFUE broadcasts about thirty-five times a week. KFUE has a good deal of difficulty in arranging its musical program and therefore feels the need of a musical director to supervise the music department of KFUE. The Board of Control feels that the students of Concordia Seminary also should receive more musical training and have some one to supervise all their musical activities. For all these reasons we petition Synod to allow us to call a musical director conjointly with KFUE, who is to divide his time between Concordia Seminary and KFUE, Synod paying one half of his salary and KFUE the other. He is not to be a member of the Faculty, but is to carry on his work under its supervision.

5. At the last convention in St. Louis, Synod voted \$10,000 for the new library of Concordia Seminary. The student-body needs an enlarged library for its important work. This sum was not paid during the past triennium, and therefore the Board of Control petitions Synod to instruct the Treasurer of Synod to pay this amount.

6. The Board of Control, after careful deliberation, finds itself compelled to petition Synod for an additional dormitory. Our enrolment for 1928—29 was 478 and the attendance at the beginning of the year 417. In a number of rooms which accommodate only two students conveniently we were compelled to place three. According to figures received from our colleges we expect, in September of this year, at least thirty more students than we had in the school-year just closed. Furthermore, if Synod decides to add the Missionary Department, the number of students will be still greater. It will be impossible to place these students in our present buildings.

At the time when our present buildings were erected, it was expressly stated that dormitory space was being provided for only a little more than immediate needs and that new dormitories would have to be added if the enrolment increased. For the new dormitory an appropriation of \$160,000 will be needed.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. That the appropriation of \$160,000 for a new dormitory be declined.

2. That the Board of Control be granted an emergency appropriation of \$20,000, with which to provide student quarters in case the enrolment surpasses housing possibilities. This sum is to be expended only at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

3. That \$5,000 be appropriated for library improvement.

4. That one professor be added to the staff.

5. That authority to call a musical director be not granted.

6. That a Department of Missions be established in Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, as soon as in the opinion of the Faculty, the Board of Control, and the Board of Foreign Missions it seems possible and advisable; and that, because of the increased work that will be entailed by the creation of this Department, another member be added to the Faculty at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

7. That, referring to a matter contained in Overture 101, containing a statement concerning the "resignation" of Professor Doctor Bente and a letter presented to your Committee, we suggest that this matter be disposed of in this manner, that President R. Kretzschmar be given opportunity to make a statement before this body and that the matter of remuneration be referred to our Board of Support.

Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.

The following changes have taken place in the faculty: The Rev. W. Albrecht, of Shawano, Wis., was called to the chair vacated by the transfer of Dr. Engelder to our St. Louis Seminary. The two new chairs created by Synod in 1926 were satisfactorily filled by the calling of Prof. O. P. Kretzmann, who had been serving as assistant, and Prof. M. H. Coyner of the Conover Concordia.

The enrolment during the past three years was as follows:—

1926—1927: Missouri Synod	228
Other synods	23
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1927—1928: Missouri Synod	209
Other synods	19
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	228
1928—1929: Missouri Synod	200
Other synods	17
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In 1926 Synod granted our institution a heating-plant, a dormitory, and an Administration Building and placed the remodeling of Building No. 1 in the hands of the Board of Directors.

The heating-plant was erected. The dormitory will have been completed when Synod convenes in June. The Board of Directors did not see its way clear to permit the erection of the Administration Building, nor was any action taken with regard to the remodeling of Building No. 1.

It might be mentioned that the equipment for the new dormitory was made possible through the generosity of individuals and congregations, particularly of the Central Illinois District.

We trust that Synod will unhesitatingly grant our request again to appropriate the necessary funds for an Administration Building, grant the two dwellings asked for, and see the wisdom of making provision for another dormitory instead of spending some \$40,000 for the rehabilitation of the obsolete Building No. 1.

MEMORIAL OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT.

The Central Illinois District presented a memorial to Synod asking for a reappropriation of \$179,000 for a new Administration Building and to place this appropriation first on the list of all appropriations for new buildings. St. Martin's Congregation of Winfield, Kans., presented a memorial requesting the removal of the Springfield Seminary to St. Louis.

Action.

Resolved:—

1. To appropriate \$179,000 for an Administration Building.
2. To appropriate \$10,000 for repairs in Building No. 1.
3. Inasmuch as Synod has already decided upon a building-program for our seminary at Springfield, we consider the matter of moving the Springfield Seminary as disposed of.

Concordia Teachers' College, River Forest, Ill.

I. Students and Faculty.

Under the gracious protection of God our institution has been privileged to give instruction, training, and guidance to the following number of students during the past three years:—

Year	Enrolled	Vicaring	Present
1926—27	381	26	355
1927—28	382	27	355
1928—29	389	31	358

In spite of the continued large enrolment the Board and faculty succeeded, by arranging for class instruction in music, in reducing the number of required assistants, with the result that the salary of two instructors was saved.

II. Requirements for the Next Three Years.

a. ROADWAYS, SIDEWALKS, ETC.

At the meeting of Synod in 1926, in St. Louis, our Board of Control asked for an appropriation of \$11,500 for the purpose of constructing necessary roadways around the college buildings, laying sidewalks in connection with the new gymnasium, grading the place around the new gymnasium, equipping the gymnasium, changing the electrical wiring necessitated by the building of the new gymnasium, and constructing roads. Committee No. 1 recommended to Synod at its last session an appropriation of only \$5,000 for the above purpose, and this amount voted by Synod, the Board of Directors made available to us in a notification dated April 17, 1928. Since, however, the amount was entirely too small to carry out the entire work, we drew only \$533.76 for the construction of a part of the sidewalk in front of the gymnasium and left the balance of \$4,466.24 in Synod's treasury. We then purchased the gymnasium equipment with money which we collected especially for that purpose, did the most necessary grading around the gymnasium with the help of the students, but had to leave the roadways unimproved.

According to bids received, the cost of building roadways, of changing the electric wiring, of doing further grading around the gymnasium, and completing the sidewalks will be \$8,145.50. Against this we have an unused appropriation of \$4,466.24, making it necessary for us to ask an additional \$3,679.26.

b. EQUIPMENT.

1. *Organs and Pianos.*—We are urgently in need of several pianos and organs and therefore ask that the balance of the appropriation made by Synod in 1926, amounting to \$12,245.24, be made available to us by September, 1929.

2. *Visuola*. — The Music Department is in need of a visuola to complete its equipment needed for instruction in music. For this purpose we need \$360.

c. HEATING-PLANT.

1. In 1926 Synod appropriated \$2,500 for "necessary changes in the heating system." These changes were not made because all three of the heating-boilers developed bad leaks around the fire-doors, and whatever money could be made available had to be used for making necessary repairs. More than \$1,400 was expended for welding and other repair work on the heating system during the past two years; but in spite of this fact the heating-plant is in such a condition that it gives us much concern.

In view of these facts we are compelled to ask for an appropriation of \$8,000 to cover the installation of three new heating-boilers.

2. The burning of coal in our heating-plant is creating too much smoke for a neighborhood as exclusive as is that in which the college is situated. Only the tolerant attitude of the village authorities and our assurance that a change is contemplated has thus far saved us from heavy fines or a shut-down of our plant. We feel that it is imperative that our institution, without further delay, install an oil-burning equipment, and therefore we ask for an appropriation of \$3,500 for that purpose.

d. FIVE NEW RESIDENCES.

Synod at the present time is paying \$4,500 rent annually on five homes for as many professors living beyond the campus. In all probability rents will increase materially in the next few years. It would, therefore, seem urgently necessary for Synod, in order considerably to reduce expenses for rent, to consider the erection of five new residences by taking up a loan either from a bank or from a building and loan association.

We are happy to report that the building of our gymnasium, which was so urgently needed, was completed and equipped two years ago at a cost of \$95,000. This was made possible through the willing support of the congregations of the Districts of Northern Illinois and Michigan, as well as of other congregations and friends of our institution. The sum of \$25,000 was contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Fathauer, of Chicago. Synod is appreciating the use of this gymnasium as auditorium at the present convention. The valuable organ in the gymnasium was acquired at a greatly reduced price, about \$6,000.

Negotiations have been carried on — and now completed — with Grace Lutheran Church of Oak Park covering the sale of a piece

of property out of the campus upon which a beautiful church edifice, together with a Christian day-school, is to be erected in the near future by this congregation. Not only will this church enhance the beauty of our property, but it will also provide a convenient and suitable place of worship for the students. There will be three school-rooms, with all equipment necessary for a permanent training-school for our students. This will make available much-needed room at the college, the present training-school, which will provide an excellent room for a chemistry laboratory. The present laboratory can then be used for much-needed library purposes. Two training-teachers salaried by the congregation will be provided. The great advantage gained through these arrangements we appreciate more highly when we consider that, while in other instances Synod had to provide for a training-school at its own expense or help a congregation building a church large enough to accommodate our students and our faculty, the congregation in this case pays Synod \$20,000 for the property.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To authorize the following appropriations: a. Grading, roadways, electric wiring, \$3,679.26*; b. organs and pianos, \$12,245.24†; c. Visuola, \$360; d. heating-plant (three boilers), \$8,000*; e. oil-burning equipment, \$3,500.

2. To adopt the following form approving the sale of a part of the campus to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church:—

Resolved, That the action of the Board of Directors of this Synod, in selling, transferring, and conveying to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Oak Park, Ill., a religious corporation, of that piece, or parcel, of ground—located on the southwest corner of Division Street and Bonnie Brae, in River Forest, Cook County, Ill., fronting two hundred (200) feet on the south side of Division Street, and two hundred fifty (250) feet on the west side of Bonnie Brae, described by meets and bounds as follows: Beginning at a point on the lot line where Division Street and Bonnie Brae meet at the southwest corner of the intersection, running on said lot line along the west line of Bonnie Brae to a point two hundred fifty (250) feet south, thence west and parallel with the south line of Division Street two hundred (200) feet, thence north and parallel with the west line of Bonnie Brae two hundred fifty (250) feet to the south line of Division Street; thence east along the south line of Division Street two hundred (200) feet to the place of beginning, situated in Block two (2) in Bogne's Addition to Oak Park, a subdivision of the east half (E½) of the

* Appropriated in part in 1926. † Appropriated in 1926.

southeast quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}$) and the east one-third ($E\frac{1}{3}$) of the west half ($W\frac{1}{2}$) of the southeast quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}$) of Section One (1), Township Thirty-nine (39) North, Range Twelve (12) east of the Third Principal Meridian — be, and the same is hereby, confirmed in all things.

3. To grant the request of the authorities of Concordia Teachers' College to set aside the sum of the selling price (\$20,000) as an endowment for the beautification of the college grounds.

Concordia Teachers' College, Seward, Nebr.

(Extract from the Report of the Board.)

Two of the professors granted by the last convention have been called and inducted into office. Asst. Prof. W. Hellwege and Prof. Theo. Stelzer, who succeeded Prof. H. B. Fehner in the practise-school, were installed January 23, 1927. The new chair was filled by calling Prof. W. F. Kruse. The vacancy caused by the illness and resignation of Prof. F. Strieter, who died at Davenport, Iowa, on December 15, 1927, has not yet been filled, despite repeated calls. As far as possible, the other members of the faculty have conducted the classes which the new professor is to teach. By rearranging the music instruction the faculty is attempting to carry on the necessary work with three assistant professors less.

Following is the attendance:—

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>
1926-27	233	166	67
1927-28	307	236	71
1928-29	286	219	67

The refectory which was granted in 1923 was completed in 1927, being dedicated early in January. Of the buildings appropriated in 1926 only the practise-school was recently begun.

Requests.

Our dormitories are overcrowded; more than forty students had to sleep in the basement. We therefore request that the dormitory which has already been granted be not now denied us. We also need cement sidewalks between the Administration Building, with the other buildings, and the professors' residences. The erection of the new dormitory will also necessitate the extension of the heating-plant which was granted in 1926. The heating-plant could be operated more satisfactorily if the steam pipes were laid in tunnels, where leaks could be discovered and repaired. The tops of the tunnels could also serve as cement walks. The last convention appropriated \$5,000 for a laboratory, much apparatus being needed to meet the require-

ments. We have purchased only the most necessary material. For this purpose we request \$3,000.

We must also request an appropriation for musical instruments. An old reed-organ which has been pressed into service again and again can now no longer be repaired and must be replaced with another organ. Two additional practise organs ought to be provided. These organs with equipment and transportation will cost \$7,000. Old, worn-out pianos must also be replaced at approximately \$1,200. We also petition an appropriation of \$650 which were expended on some unavoidable grading before the Administration Building.

Resolved:—

Action.

To grant the following appropriations: 1. Dormitory, \$125,000; 2. heating-plant (addition), \$28,000; 3. tunnels, \$25,000; 4. side-walks, \$1,000; 5. laboratory equipment, \$3,000; 6. musical instruments, \$8,200; 7. grading, \$650.

Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind.

(Extract from the Report of the Board of Control.)

A number of changes occurred in the faculty. April 13, 1926, Director M. Luecke, who had headed the institution since 1903, died. August, 1926, Prof. W. C. Burhop, who had served as director during the interim, was elected as director and inducted into office September 12. On October 27 Assist. Prof. Karl H. Henrichs was elected to succeed Professor Burhop. September 13, 1927, Prof. em. F. Zucker, D. D., died at the age of eighty-five years. In October, 1927, Assist. Prof. W. Herrling succeeded Prof. J. Kunstmann, who had resigned. In December Prof. H. D. Mensing accepted a call as city missionary in Baltimore, Md. He was succeeded by Rev. E. E. Foelber. In September, 1928, Prof. Henrichs resigned to serve Valparaiso University as endowment manager. His successor has not yet been chosen. The number of assistant professors has been reduced to one. The total number of professors salaried by Synod is fourteen, including the director and the successor of Professor Henrichs. Prof. J. Vojtko, who is salaried by the Slovak Synod, has charge of the Slovak students.

Upon the death of the steward, Prof. M. Stoeppelwerth began to serve as buyer for the kitchen, an admirable arrangement. The Martha Society of Fort Wayne, which makes the hospital the object of its care, purchased an electric dishwasher and provided funds for painting the hospital and for additional repairs. Last year professors and students collected enough money to remodel the gymnasium, which now serves its original purpose as well as that of a concert hall and assembly hall for the Central District.

REQUESTS.**Hanser Hall.**

Painting of building, outside	\$ 525.00
Painting fire-escapes	150.00
Toilet on second floor (8 wash-bowls, 4 seats, 2 urinals); repairing toilet in basement, plumb- ing, etc.	6500.00
Plastering partitions, terrazzo floors	1565.00
Repairing doors, windows, floors	1480.00
Painting, inside	1800.00
Rewiring whole building	1350.00
Panic bars on outside doors	300.00
Water-heater for showers and wash-bowls	550.00

\$14220.00**Sihler Hall.**

Painting inside woodwork, two coats	\$ 485.00
Painting walls and ceilings, one coat sizing, two coats paint	2100.00
Painting outside, two coats	250.00

\$ 2835.00**Crull Hall.**

Same as Sihler Hall	\$ 2835.00
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Repairs on Fence.

Setting posts in concrete, concrete walls, as shown on plan	\$ 3950.00
Painting of fence	250.00
Brick posts, as shown on plan, at ends of fence and at each entrance (eight posts)	300.00

\$ 4500.00**Stokers for Boilers.**

Cost of stokers, installed	\$ 6000.00
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Piano.

Piano for students' chorus, orchestra, etc.	\$ 500.00
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Total requests \$28890.00

As to the request for repairs in Hanser Hall, we wish to state that the last Synod had made an appropriation for repairs in this building, but that the work could not be done on account of lack of funds. We consider it absolutely necessary that it be done as soon as possible. The condition of the present wiring is a constant menace. The only toilet in the building is in the basement, while the second and third stories are used for bedrooms. We believe that toilet facilities should be provided in the second story, for obvious reasons.

The item for painting of Sihler and Crull halls, we believe, needs no further explanation. \$1,000 had been granted us at one time for painting Sihler Hall, but we have not drawn it so far.

In explanation of the repairs on the fence we wish to state that the steel rail at the bottom of the fence is in places totally rusted away. That is the condition from Center Drive east. There we

wish to put in the low retaining-wall mentioned to hold the fence and to serve instead of the lower rail. From Center Drive west and on Schick St. the fence stood higher and is in pretty good condition, excepting connections of lower rails at posts. Here we wish to set posts in concrete, embedding at the same time the end of the rails.

As to the requests for stokers, we wish to say that the city, by ordinance, demands the elimination of smoke and that the building inspector of the city has given us notice that we must comply with this ordinance. By installing stokers, we could achieve that. Besides, we are convinced that firing by stokers would mean a considerable saving for Synod. It would reduce our coal bill by from \$1,000 to \$1,500 a year. If stokers are not installed, the fire-boxes must be relined, — which is included in the installation of stokers, — and that would cost at least \$350. Replacing of grates for the next three years would be another expense of \$300. Taking all this into consideration, we believe it to be to the advantage of Synod to install stokers.

The request for the piano was in the overture for last Synod, but was dropped at the time upon the urgent request of Committee No. 1 to eliminate every item that was not absolutely necessary. We now renew the request and ask Synod kindly to grant it.

Action.

Resolved to grant the following appropriations: 1. Remodeling of Hanser Hall, \$14,220 *; 2. painting Sihler Hall, \$2,835 *; 3. stokers, \$6,000.

Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis.

(Extract from the Report of the Board of Control.)

The enrolment again somewhat exceeded that of the preceding triennium, despite the fact that our college for some years past has not made a special bid for students. The figures are as follows: 1926—27, 321; 1927—28, 306; 1928—29, 316.

There have been five changes in the *personnel* of the faculty. In 1926 Synod had allowed us two new professorships, one for History and English, the other one for German and Latin. These were supplied by the calling of two of our former assistants, Prof. Leroy C. Rinker for the former and Prof. Edwin Hattstaedt for the latter chair.

The Rev. Victor Bartling, of Fargo, S. Dak., was called to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the venerable Prof. Carl Huth, D. D. In June, 1927, Prof. M. Graebner accepted a call to our sister college at St. Paul, and the Rev. A. Hardt, of Reedsburg, Wis., was called to the chair thus vacated. In August, 1927, we regretfully accepted the resignation tendered by our faithful and competent teacher Prof. Carl Ross, D. D., who, after nearly fifty years of service given to the Church, was physically unable to continue in the work. May the

* Appropriated in part 1926.

gracious Lord encompass this good and faithful servant with bounteous mercy during his declining days! The Rev. A. Dede, of Defiance, O., was successfully called to fill this vacancy in our faculty.

In March, 1927, Mr. Martin Keller, treasurer of the Board, after years of faithful and competent service, tendered his resignation because of ill health. The Board accepted this resignation and was fortunate in enlisting the services of Mr. Milton O. Kaiser as member of the Board and its treasurer. Brother Keller was called to his eternal reward in November, 1927.

Just as we had compiled our report, the sad news reached us that the Lord in His wisdom has seen fit to take our faithful colaborer Charles E. Tegge from our midst. Mr. Tegge met with a serious accident on February 6 and was called to the eternal home on February 9. Mr. Tegge was a veteran worker in the army of the Lord. We shall miss his counsel and diligent application to duty, as well as his open-handed generosity for the needs of the Church and of our college in particular.

Requests.

Our requests compiled and provided with figures which are as nearly correct as we are able at this time to get them, are as follows:—

1. New dormitory, \$134,639.27.
2. Remodeling State St. Dormitory, \$31,800.†
3. Annex to Classroom Building, \$90,709.
4. Enlarging chapel, \$12,720.
5. Gymnasium, \$109,155.08.
6. Leveling of grounds and seeding, \$4,545.80.†
7. Master-clock system, \$1,264.†
8. Laundry and bakery equipment, \$3,085.18.
9. Equipment for biology and physics laboratory, \$5,220.
10. Four additional professors.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To make the following appropriations: a. Dormitory, \$134,639.27; b. dormitory remodeling, \$31,800 †; c. grading and seeding, \$4,545.80 †; d. master-clock system, \$1,264 †; e. laundry and bakery equipment, \$3,085.18; f. laboratory equipment, \$5,220.
2. To authorize the calling of three additional professors.

Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn.

(Extract from the Report of the Board of Control.)

Attendance was as follows: 1926—27, 270; 1927—28, 245; 1928—29, 254. The following changes took place in the faculty. The vacancy caused by the death of Prof. Aug. Schlueter was filled by the election of the former director of the institution, Prof. Theo.

† Appropriated in part in 1926.

Buenger, D. D., Dr. Theo. Buenger's place was filled by calling Prof. M. Graebner from Milwaukee. The latter began his service in June, 1927. The professorships created by the last convention were filled by calling Prof. E. G. R. Siebert and Prof. Paul Stor. The Norwegian professorship, which was filled by Prof. O. Harstad, is now discontinued, the Norwegian Synod preparing its students at its own institution in Mankato, Minn. In the past year the Board of Directors erected a residence for Dir. M. Graebner.

Requests.

1. Refectory (the erection to begin immediately), \$145,000.*
2. Painting of the chapel and improving the acoustics, \$2,775.
3. Floors in the old main building, \$500.
4. Repairs on woodwork, walls, ceilings, stairways, doors, water-mains, steam-heat, etc., of old main building, \$3,426.50.
5. Heating appliances, \$2,700.
6. Four garages erected by professors, \$1,200.
7. Three new garages, \$1,050.
8. Four professors' residences.
9. Two new professors.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To make the following appropriations: a. Refectory, \$145,000*;
b. painting of the chapel, \$2,775; c. old main building (hardwood floors), \$500; d. heating appliances, \$2,700; e. laboratory equipment, \$2,500.
2. One professor to replace Professor Harstad.
3. An additional professor in 1930.

St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo.

(Extract from the Report of the Board of Control.)

Following are the figures on enrolment for the last triennium:—

	1926—27	1927—28	1928—29
Second College Year (Prima)	19	11	16
First College Year (Secunda)	16	19	15
Senior High School (Tertia)	21	18	30
Junior High School (Quarta)	24	43	35
Sophomore High School (Quinta)	41	40	26
Freshman High School (Sexta)	39	29	28

Several changes in the faculty took place during the last triennium. In His wise providence our heavenly Father took from our midst Prof. Andrew Baepler, D. D., the venerable instructor of St. Paul's College, on October 10, 1927, at the age of 77 years, 2 months, and 12 days, after he had been permitted to serve his Lord for more than fifty years as a worker in His kingdom, both as pastor and as professor. He was privileged to serve as the first director and

* Appropriated in 1926.

professor at our institution, and for many years he occupied the chair of English, until in the year 1925 old age compelled him to retire. He continued, however, to serve as assistant up to the time of his death.

Prof. O. W. Wismar, in May, 1926, accepted a call to a congregation in Los Angeles, Cal. Prof. A. W. Reese was successfully called to fill the vacancy. The following assistant professors were employed since 1926: Prof. A. Baepler, D. D., the Revs. R. Kuehnert, A. Gebhardt, and Paul Mehl. The Rev. E. Runge, secretary of the Board, accepted a call to Lohman, Mo., in consequence of which he resigned his position on the Board. The Rev. Wm. O. Schmidt, of Higginsville, Mo., was appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy. Mr. Carl Kuddes, of Concordia, Mo., was appointed by the President of Synod to take the place of Mr. A. Deke on the auditing committee.

Requests.

1. Administration building (estimated cost), \$150,000.
2. Central heating-plant (estimated cost), \$48,000.
3. Light plant.
4. Service building repairs, \$945.
5. Library equipment, \$780.
6. One additional professor.
7. One professor's residence, \$10,000.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To appropriate \$5,000 for repairs in the heating-plant.
2. To instruct the Board of Control to have complete plans for a heating-plant prepared for the next convention.
3. To authorize the calling of one new professor.

Concordia Institute, Bronxville, N. Y.

(Extract from the Report of the Board of Control.)

According to a resolution of the last convention of Synod an additional teacher was called early in the past triennium, so that our faculty now consists of the president of the school and nine regular teachers. At the present writing there is a vacancy, caused by the resignation of Prof. R. Hope. Mr. Wilbur Luecke, c. r. m., is acting as supply-teacher this year. In addition to the teachers salaried by Synod the Lutheran Education Society pays the salaries of a physical-training teacher and a vocal-culture teacher and contributes towards the salary of the secretary to the president of the school.

Both our school and our Synod suffered a very severe loss when on July 30, 1927, the Lord, in His wise providence, took from the Church Militant into the Church Triumphant Dr. Henry Feth, who had served our school both as teacher and president since 1881. Dr. Feth

has made an indelible impression upon our school, and his former scholars especially will ever hold his memory sacred.

In this connection we must also record the death of Prof. emeritus J. Schwoy, M. A., who was taken from us on December 2, 1927. Professor Schwoy served our school from 1906 to 1921, when he was forced to retire on account of failing health.

Improvements.

Two residences for teachers have been built during the last triennium, at a cost of \$13,500 each. We regret that due to too great modesty in planning these houses they are rather small and do not offer that advantage which we ought to afford our teachers. In addition to this equipment we can now also boast of a new gymnasium, which was built without any cost to Synod. The Lutheran Education Society financed this building at a cost of \$140,000. The money was contributed largely by the members of our Atlantic District with the assistance of some of the members of the Eastern District and those churches of the English District which are located in this territory.

Enrolment.

The enrolment in our school was as follows: 1926—27, 132 students. 1927—28, 148 students. 1928—29, 154 students. Of the 46 graduates during the past triennium 44 entered our seminary in St. Louis.

Requests.

1) *Bohm Hall*, the original dormitory.

Painting halls: two coats of paint and one of varnish	\$ 480.00
Carpenter work: repairing doors, etc.	350.00
Four metal ceilings	150.00
Replacing 35 lighting fixtures in bedrooms	100.00
Plastering	150.00
Replacing urinals, removing bathtubs, repairing showers	1,800.00

2) *Administration Building*.

Metal weather-strips in thirty-five windows	\$ 250.00
Painting halls: two coats of paint and one of varnish	400.00

3) *Outside Painting*.

Painting all outside doors in four buildings: two coats of paint and one coat of varnish	\$ 100.00
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4) *Kitchen*.

New range and warming table	\$1,500.00
New refrigerator	1,200.00

5) *Sidewalk*.—The sidewalk is to be 880 feet long and 4 feet wide. Five cross-overs must be made, giving a total of 4,000 square feet, at a cost of 46 cents a square foot: \$1,840.

6) *Professor's Residence*.—We are at present paying \$1,200 a year for rent for a six-room apartment. We need another residence. The estimated cost is \$15,000 for a seven-room house. This house must be built along the farther side of an unimproved road. The necessary

grading and sewer and water connections will cost an additional \$1,000, bringing the total up to \$16,000.

7) *Residence for Help.*—We are experiencing much difficulty in finding necessary rooms for our engineer and his assistant as well as for the porters. At present our engineer lives about two miles distant from the school. There is no opportunity to rent anything nearer the school that would be within the financial reach of our engineer. We ought to have a house in which we can take care of this situation. A house with six rooms down-stairs for the engineer and five rooms upstairs for other help is estimated at \$18,000.

Action.

Resolved to appropriate \$3,500 for laboratory equipment.

St. John's College, Winfield, Kans.

(Extract from the Report of the Board of Control.)

The Faculty at present consists of ten regular men, one for the Commercial Department, and four teachers for music, vocal and instrumental, and expression. Synod pays the salaries of only ten regular men.

In 1927 Dr. A. W. Meyer, president and professor of St. John's for nearly a generation, accepted a call into the ministry and is now active in Long Island City, N. Y.

In the same year Prof. Chas. Scaer, after many years of faithful service, resigned because of failing health and increasing burdens of office. He was suddenly overtaken by death on the 9th of June last year, going to his eternal rest.

After serving St. John's for three years, Prof. C. A. Gieseler accepted a call to a congregation in Denver, Colo., and Prof. G. A. Kuhlmann was called to the chair vacated by Professor Scaer. At the same time Prof. F. O. Lankenau, of Greensboro, N. C., was called as additional professor of English and director of physical training and the Rev. Theo. Hoyer, of Denver, Colo., to the chair of History. Prof. Alf. M. Rehwinkel, of Edmonton, Can., was called as president and was installed on June 3, 1928. In the past winter, Rev. E. J. Dierker accepted a call to the South Wisconsin District, and in his place Rev. P. C. Kraus, of Humboldt, Kans., was appointed.

The enrolment was as follows: 1926—27, 148 boys and 21 girls; 1927—28, 148 boys and 20 girls; 1928—29, 125 boys and 20 girls.

Resolved: —

Action.

To make the following appropriations: —

1. Hospital, \$1,000.
2. Baden Hall (repairs), \$8,547.50.
3. Laboratory equipment, \$2,186.
4. Library equipment, \$1,000.

Concordia College, Conover, N. C.

(Extract from the Report of the Board of Control.)

The enrolment has remained about the same: 1926—27, 54; 1927—28, 61; 1928—29, 60. During the three years seven students were graduated for St. Louis. Twenty-five of the students now enrolled are entered in the ministerial courses, a larger number than ever before. The tuition collected and remitted to Synod's treasurer was \$2,541.68.

Requests.

We renew the requests which were granted at the last convention, to wit:—

1. Administration building, \$95,000.
2. Small dormitory unit, \$25,000.

To these we add the new request of \$10,000 for combining the dormitory with the administration building.

Resolved:—**Action.**

To make the following appropriations:—

1. Administration building, \$95,000.
2. Dormitory facilities in the administration building, \$10,000.

California Concordia College, Oakland, Cal.

(Extract from the Report of the Board of Control.)

The total enrolment of the institution was: 1926—27, 84; 1927—28, 91; 1928—29, 82. Number of graduates entering the Seminary: 1926, 9; 1927, 12; 1928, 8; 1929, 12.

In October, 1926, Assist. Prof. E. F. Scaer accepted the call tendered him by the Electoral College. Assist. Prof. Otto H. Theiss again joined the faculty after graduating from the seminary in 1925.

Requests.

1. Two additional professors.
2. A careful study of our building program has enabled us to pare down our requests below the amounts appropriated in 1926, but not carried out. They are the following: a) New administration building, \$157,000; b) alterations and repairs, \$12,500; c) new dormitory furniture, \$800; d) grading and walks, \$2,000.

3. The Northern Pastors' and Teachers' Conference of the California and Nevada District presented an overture petitioning Synod to introduce coeducation at Oakland. They supported the petition with the following arguments:—

There is an increasing number of girls among us preparing for the teaching, deaconess, and missionary-nurse profession.

Our nearest synodical institution is 1,500 miles distant.

Coeducation would be no additional expense to Synod.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To make the following appropriations: a. Dormitory furniture, \$800; b. grading and walks, \$1,000; c. building temporarily used for student quarters and then to be converted to other uses, \$15,000.
2. To authorize the calling of two additional professors.
3. To postpone action on the request to introduce coeducation at Oakland until the housing and classroom problems are definitely solved.

Concordia College, Portland, Oreg.

(Extract from the Report of the Board of Control.)

The average attendance during the last three years was 33. Proportionately this number is not smaller than in other sections of Synod. Pastors and conferences with whom we consulted about the small enrolment have invariably attributed it to the present building. We therefore urgently request Synod to authorize the erection of a new building. An appraisal indicates that \$86,000 would suffice for this purpose. This sum would include repairs in the present building and a central heating-plant. It would also be profitable to purchase the residences of all three professors. The lots adjoin our present property and would serve to round off the entire site. The purchase price would be approximately \$19,000.

Resolved:—

Action.

To appropriate \$86,000 for a new administration building.

Concordia College, Edmonton, Alta., Can.

(Extract from the Report of the Board of Control.)

Pursuant to the resolutions of last Synod this institution became a junior college. September, 1926, a college freshman class (*Secunda*) was organized, and the following year a college sophomore class (*Prima*). June 1928 the first eight graduates were sent to St. Louis.

The faculty has been augmented by another member, Prof. M. W. Riedel, who was called in the fall of 1926. The vacancy caused by the departure of Prof. A. M. Rehwinkel, who accepted the call as director at St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., was filled by Prof. A. Guebert, who entered upon his duties September, 1928.

The vacancies in the Board caused by the removal of Rev. J. C. Mueller and Mr. J. Ulmer were filled by Rev. E. Eberhardt and Mr. Jacob Hennig.

Since the enrolment of girls became so large that they could no longer be accommodated in the homes of the professors, a girls' dormitory had to be provided. This was done, with the approval of the Board of Directors, by placing together and combining two old resi-

dences belonging to the institution. Most of the work was done by the professors in the summer without charge. A matron has been engaged for the girls' dormitory who gives instruction in household economics and in piano-playing.

The attendance was as follows: 1926—27, 80 boys and 4 girls; 1927—28, 71 boys and 7 girls; 1928—29, 60 boys and 12 girls.

Requests.

1. One additional professorship.
2. Four professors' residences.
3. Calcimining the interior, \$800.
4. Linoleum in dining-hall, \$305.
5. Boiler repairs, \$150.
6. Shower-bath, \$100.
7. Graveling the driveway, \$275.
8. Repairs on the roof of the director's residence, \$325.
9. Library, books, and equipment, \$5,000.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To appropriate \$1,000 for library purposes.
2. To authorize one additional professorship.

Lutheran Concordia College of Texas, Austin, Tex.

(Extract from the Report of the Board of Control.)

Under the blessings of God the institution has passed the first three years of its existence. Attendance was as follows: 1926, the opening year, 28; 1927—28, 48; 1928—29, 50.

In the first year the faculty consisted of the Director and a student assistant. Mr. C. Fehr gave music lessons and Teacher E. F. Wilkening, singing lessons. In the second year another student assistant was added to the force, and in the third year Rev. G. Viehweg joined the faculty as second professor.

Requests.

1. New building and remodeling of old building and of heating plant, \$125,000.
2. Three professors' residences, \$30,000.
3. Classroom equipment, \$720.
4. Dormitory equipment, \$577.50.
5. Dining-room equipment, \$322.50.
6. Kitchen stove and dishes, \$290.
7. Fifty-five chapel chairs, \$247.50.
8. Laboratory equipment, \$500.
9. Roads and sidewalks, \$1,000.

*Resolved:—***Action.**

1. To grant the following appropriations: a. Building to be used dormitory and later as professor's residence, \$15,000; b. equipment, \$900; c. laboratory equipment, \$500; d. roads and sidewalks, \$250.
2. To authorize the calling of a new professor in 1930.

Concordia Seminary, Porto Algre, Brazil.

(Extract from the Report of the Board of Control.)

The attendance during the last triennium was as follows:—

	1926.	1927.	1928.
First year Seminary.....	—	—	10
Second year Seminary.....	14	—	—
Third year Seminary.....	—	9	10
First year Proseminary.....	13	—	13
Second year Proseminary.....	—	9	—
Third year Proseminary.....	—	13	—
<i>Totals</i>	41	31	43

In December, 1928, six ministerial candidates, who had each vicared one year, were graduated. Three candidates in the Normal Department also completed their studies. They will receive their call after they have taught for a year. One theological student left the institution to continue his studies at St. Louis.

The faculty consisted of Director J. N. H. Jahn, Ph. D., Professors L. C. Rehfeldt, Paul Schelp, and Assist. Prof. K. A. Rupp. Of the two professorships authorized in 1926 none has been filled. A call is now issued to fill the Portuguese professorship. Professor Schelp began his leave in January, after serving faithfully for nine years.

The two residences authorized in 1926 were not erected. We lack a residence also for the new professor as well as for the professor of Hebrew and Old Testament exegesis. Building ought to begin immediately, since there will be a dearth of the necessary water in November.

The roofs of the seminary buildings and professors' residences are not waterproof in stormy weather. We suggest that a tongue-and-groove board lining, in which the joints are caulked with tar, be placed under the shingles. The estimated cost would amount to about \$3,500.

Our water and light problem is not yet solved. Since city water and light will soon be accessible, we ask Synod for an appropriation of \$1,200 and permission to sell our motor in order to hook up with the city water and light.

Resolved:—

Action.

To make the following appropriations:—

1. Repairing roofs, \$3,500.
2. Water and light connections, \$1,200.
3. Fence, \$1,088.

Colegio Concordia, Crespo, Argentina.

Regarding Crespo the following report was presented to Synod

Your Committee to which the memorials concerning Argentina were referred, submits the following report. The first question was submitted to us was the petition of the Board of Control of the institution at Crespo that their institution be exempt from the control of the Board of Directors. Your Committee finds that this request is in conflict with the rulings of Synod (*Synodical Handbook*, p. 10) and should therefore not be granted.

The second request refers to the regulation of the salaries of professors of this institution. Your Committee advises that this matter be referred to the Board of Directors and the Board of Missions in South America for adjustment.

These two recommendations of the committee were *adopted*.

B. Resolutions Pertaining to Institutions in General

Special Regulations Concerning Candidates who do Not Desire to Enter Office upon Graduation.

1. Eligible candidates are such as have completed their studies, have received their diploma from their respective institution, and have declared their readiness to enter office, and have, therefore, been enrolled in the official lists of available candidates.

2. Such graduates as desire to continue their studies after completion of the courses in our institutions, or who, for other reasons, are not ready to enter office, shall be regarded as candidates only when their respective faculties have enrolled their names in the official lists of available candidates.

3. Before the faculties enroll the names of such available candidates in the official lists, they shall be held to ascertain through personal interview with the candidates or by satisfactory testimony that said candidates are still qualified for service in the Church.

4. Ordinarily such candidates shall be placed in nomination at the regular meeting of the Board of Distribution; in exceptional cases the candidates shall during the interval be characterized and recommended for a call to the District Presidents by means of circular letter.

Action.

These regulations were *adopted*.

Bilingual Ministry.

(Report of the Committee.)

WHEREAS, For some time to come the work of our Church in our country, namely, the preaching of the Gospel, will continue to demand bilingual ministry; and

WHEREAS, A lack of knowledge of the German language may so prove to be a barrier between pastors, especially at conventions and conferences; and

WHEREAS, Pastors who know only the English language have no access to many of the theological treasures of our Lutheran Church and their usefulness in the service of God's kingdom is consequently greatly impaired; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the education of laborers for our Church the studies of our colleges and theological seminaries shall be held ever mindful of the present-day needs of the Church with reference to the necessity of the use of the German and of the English language and earnestly strive to prepare such laborers as are able to use both languages; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That Synod emphatically require of all students at our institutions to manifest all diligence in the acquisition of such languages; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That the instructors of German at our colleges be authorized to meet with the faculty of our seminary at St. Louis—separate from the regular professors' conferences (if they deem it necessary)—to agree upon ways and means whereby the desired goal may be reached.

Action.

This report with its recommendations was *adopted*.

Extension and Reorganization of the Course of Study at Our Colleges.

Memorial of the Professors' Conference.

The Professors' Conference, assembled at Hinsdale, Ill., in July, 1928, again petitions the Ven. Synod to grant an extension of our four-year course of study which prepares students to enter the ministry.

We are convinced of the urgent need of such extension by the following considerations:—

A. Growing Complexity and Difficulty of Ministerial Work.—This demands a preparatory training that is both more extensive and more thorough than heretofore.

1. Specialization in mission-work.—We are entering to an increasing degree the field of city mission work, and that demands that we train our students better in the social sciences. Contacts of our missionaries in foreign fields indicate the same necessity.

2. *The bilingual situation.*— Since entering students in steadily increasing numbers are wholly unfamiliar with the German language, our schools are encountering extreme difficulties, especially with an already overcrowded curriculum, in teaching our students to read and speak German.

3. *Other courses.*— There exists great need of more training in Greek, Hebrew, Education, and Science to combat Evolution.

B. *Raised Standards of Education.*— The level of education in this country is rising rapidly. A high-school education is now the commonly accepted average. Since 1900 high-school enrolment has increased over 600 per cent. and college enrolment over 450 per cent.

C. *Higher Demands in Every Profession.*— Nearly all theological, law, and medical schools have raised their requirements to the extent that they now admit only students who have received a full four-year college education. We must keep in step with this advance in education in the country at large.

D. *Relief of Seminary Courses.*— Certain college courses have of necessity been given at the Seminary. They should be eliminated in order that the Seminary curriculum may confine itself to strictly theological studies. The greater maturity which another year of college training will give is also an important factor in this connection.

METHOD OF EXTENDING THE COURSE.

The Professors' Conference has expressed itself, after due consideration, as opposed to the plan of creating a Central Senior College, either on the old Seminary site or elsewhere, and petitions Synod to effect an extension of the course in this manner:—

a) One additional year is to be added to the present course of study at six preparatory schools, namely, Bronxville, Concordia, Fort Wayne, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Winfield.

b) Two schools each year, beginning in September, 1930, shall extend their courses, until all six schools have added one year of college work.

c) The work of the seventh year:—

Required	Semester		
	I	II	
Religion	3	3	
German	3	3	(10—12% of work of 3 college years is to be German)
Greek	3	3	(Including New Testament)
Hebrew	—	4	(At least 4 semesters in 3 years)
Education	4	—	(Including History of Education and Psychology of Education)
History	2	2	(History of Civilization or Economics. Required unless student has previously had 4 years of History)

Natural Science 2 2 (Survey including Evolution. Required unless taken previously, but recommended for last year)

Lectives to bring total to 21 hours per semester: —

English 2—2; or Classical Latin 2—2

Greek (Septuagint or Patristics) 2—2; or Church Latin 2—2

Business Law 2—2; or Sociology or Psychology 2—2

History of Philosophy 2—2; or Logic 2—2

Classical Latin may be required if institutions so desire.

We urge upon Synod as valid reasons for this proposal the following facts: —

1. The cost to Synod is low. The proposed change requires one additional teacher at each institution and a non-recurring initial allowance of \$500 for library. Neither unusual laboratory equipment nor additional dormitory or classroom buildings are required, except possibly at one school. Hence the approximate cost to maintain a seventh year at an institution should not exceed \$3,000 a year.

2. The cost to students is kept at its lowest point, since no extensive traveling expenses to a central senior college are demanded.

3. The present school-buildings and plants would be more fully utilized, neither a new plant being created nor a whole new staff being selected.

4. The plan looks to the growing needs of Synod, since it will eventually give us a number of full colleges to act as educational pivots at various strategic points.

5. It will not result in a sudden large decrease in graduates from the Seminary.

6. It will add but slightly to the enrolment of the six schools, thus maintaining at them the highly desirable intimate contact between students and faculty.

7. It retains for the student the system of attending but two schools (college, seminary). Readjustment at a third school is avoided.

8. It calls no "key men" from our present Concordias, as a senior college undoubtedly would do.

9. It will do more toward raising the educational standards at our colleges than any other plan.

10. If in the course of time we should find our first-year class (Sexta) eliminated because of the growing junior-high-school movement, the added year would allow of full utilization of existing plants, and our schools would again have a six-year course, but with three years of college work in place of the present two.

This problem of extending our course has been under discussion for a number of years. In accordance with Synod's instructions it constituted the chief topic of discussion at two of the triennial Professors' Conferences. The faculties of our colleges have given it

considerable thought and their representatives have met in Chicago for joint discussion and formulation of plans. Hence it is only after mature deliberation that we present for your approval this solution. The matter is of vital importance to the welfare of our Church and to the spread of the blessed Gospel of our risen Savior, and we therefore beg for prayerful consideration and for favorable action at the present session of Synod.

Other Memorials.

A memorial was presented by the *Faculty and Board of the Oakland Concordia*, remonstrating against the fact that the Oakland Concordia was not considered in the memorial of the Professors' Conference.

The *Chicago English Lutheran Conference* presented a memorial asking that our college course be expanded for two years at Valparaiso University. The memorial called attention to the fact that Valparaiso University is owned, controlled, and operated by a corporation made up of our own people, that it ranks high in scholastic standards and is fully accredited, that it is centrally located and offers the very courses we need.

Dir. H. B. Hemmeter presented a memorial advocating a *Central Senior College*, which in the course of time is to absorb all the college courses now given at the various junior colleges. All the present junior colleges shall be established as accredited high schools and adapted to the largest possible general use compatible with their present purpose.

Educational Survey.

The *Fort Wayne Pastoral Conference* presented a memorial requesting Synod:—

1. To cause a thorough study of our entire educational system for the theoretical training of ministers to be made with a view of reshaping it so that it will better meet our aims and, at the same time, conform to the American plan of education (four years high school and four years college), as well as meet American high-school and college standards;

2. To this end to instruct the Board of Directors or any other competent authority to appoint a committee of seven members from our midst, consisting of one professor from our seminary at St. Louis, one from our seminary in Springfield, and one from a junior college, two pastors, and two laymen, preferably American educators with experience in an administrative capacity; and,

3. To instruct this committee

- a. To engage experts in educational surveying who are to make an academic and administrative survey of our junior colleges during the next three years, so that the strength and the weakness of our system may be set in proper relief;

b. To confer with these experts on the best ways and means of reshaping our educational program for ministers, so as to achieve the aims set forth in paragraph 1 above;

c. To make their recommendations available to conferences and interested bodies and individuals by January 1, 1931;

d. To present a complete and detailed report, with specified recommendations, at the next convention; and finally,

4. To appropriate from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the services of these educational experts.

An educational survey was also advocated by memorials from the *Chicago English Lutheran Conference* and from the *Pastors' and Teachers' Conference of Northern Ohio*.

The *Pittsburgh Local Conference* presented a memorial asking that some of our overlapping schools be discontinued and that others eliminate the high-school course and give only the college course. To this end a committee of seven men is to be appointed whose duty it shall be to study the questions involved and to report its findings and recommendations to the next regular session of Synod.

Unprinted memorials 12 and XX also made similar suggestions.

Action.

Synod *adopted* the report of Committee No. 1: "Your Committee recommends that Synod instruct its President in conjunction with the vice-presidents to appoint a committee of nine from our own circles to survey the entire educational situation on the basis of these overtures and report at the next Synod.

"We furthermore recommend that this committee send a report to the conferences of Synod one year prior to the next convention."

Granting Colleges Larger Sums for Publicity Purposes.

The Board and Faculty of St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., presented an overture asking Synod to grant each of the junior colleges a minimum of \$275 for publicity purposes. The petition was endorsed by California Concordia College, Oakland, Cal., Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Concordia Lutheran Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y.

Action.

Synod adopted the recommendation of Committee No. 1, "*not to grant this request at this time.*"

Appropriations for College and Seminary Grounds.

The Board and Faculty of St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., petitioned Synod to include a definite sum in the budget each year for the up-keep and beautifying of college and seminary grounds. This sum is to be apportioned to the various colleges by the Board of

Directors on a fair and reasonable basis. The memorial was endorsed by Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., Concordia Lutheran Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y., California Concordia College, Oakland, Cal., and Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis.

Action.

Synod adopted the report of Committee No. 1, reading as follows: "This should be a matter of interest to our Christians who live in the vicinity of the several institutions, and we *recommend that Synod make no appropriation* for this purpose at this time."

Obligatory Supply Work for Normal Students.

An overture from the School Board of the Northern and Southern Nebraska Districts petitioned Synod to make provision that, if at all possible, every normal student, especially those who in the opinion of the faculties need such experience, be held to do one year of supply work before they are permanently called as teachers.

In support of this overture they advanced the following reasons: —

It makes it possible to regulate in a measure the rising number of woman teachers, who are frequently engaged because congregations and mission boards have for years not been able to secure the desired number of assistants from our seminaries either because the students refused to do supply work for a year or because their parents objected.

During a year of service the young teacher would show his mettle, and thus it would be possible to advise him against, or prevent him from, entering the teaching profession, if this should prove advisable. A valuable service would thereby be rendered to the school system of Synod, the Districts, and individual congregations as well as to the individual.

It would render valuable service to the young teachers. They would not be too young and too inexperienced on entering office and would in many cases be able better to adapt themselves to existing conditions. A conscientious assistant would recognize his weaknesses and seek to remedy them during his last year at college. Earnest assistants would exercise a wholesome influence upon their fellow-students. Graduates would be better qualified, more courageous, more confident, and more conscious of their goal.

An overture of like character was received also from the Northern Nebraska District.

Action.

Resolved: —

That the students at our teachers' seminaries should be held to do supply work, subject to the decision of the faculties.

Support of Indigent Students.

The report of the Board of Directors called attention to the fact that upward of \$75,000 is contributed annually for the support of indigent students. Consideration of the problems connected with the support of indigent students led to the suggestion that opportunities might be found or created at the various institutions to have indigent students do such work for the college in their spare time as will give them some income out of which to help defray their expenses. This matter was referred to a committee, which brought in the following recommendations:—

As your Committee has found that the question whether our students should be compelled to do some work in return for benefits received involves the study of various problems in our educational institutions and that it is impossible to study these problems in the course of a few days, your Committee suggests that Synod pass the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That the venerable President of Synod be asked to appoint a committee of such men as are familiar with conditions at our educational institutions and that this committee make a careful study of the question whether the students at our various institutions should be compelled to do some work in return for the benefits received from Synod or any of its Districts (tuition, lodging, board, etc.) and that such committee shall make its report and recommendation to Synod at its next (35th) regular convention.

Before action was taken, the chairman of the committee stated that the committee to be appointed would report also to the administrators of the Indigent Students' Fund.

Action.

Synod *adopted* the report of the committee.

Granting or Withholding of Credits by Our Institutions.

(Memorial.)

WHEREAS, A number of students of our colleges either before or after graduation decide not to enter the service of our Church; and

WHEREAS, Some former graduates of our institutions without valid reasons leave the service of our Church after they have been in office only a few years; and

WHEREAS, Some of these students and graduates do not comply with Synod's resolution regarding tuition at \$100 per annum; and

WHEREAS, Some of these students and graduates request transcripts of their credits from the faculties of our institutions in order that they may gain admission with advanced standing to institutions of higher learning; therefore be it

Resolved, That such students or graduates should be held to comply with Synod's resolution regarding tuition; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That hereafter transcripts of credits may be withheld until such student or graduate has complied fully with every requirement of Synod regarding tuition to be paid; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That all doubtful cases be decided by the local faculty and Board of Control.

Action.

These resolutions, based on unprinted Memorial No. 26 from the faculty of River Forest, were *adopted*.

Professors' Salaries.

A memorial from the Professors' Conference petitioned Synod to increase the salaries of professors at the synodical institutions. This request was endorsed by the Board of Control of River Forest.

Action.

Upon recommendation of Committee No. 1, Synod *adopted* the following regulations governing professors' salaries:—

1. That the basic salaries of the married professors at our institutions in North America be as follows: a) for professors at St. Louis, \$2,400; b) for professors at Springfield, \$2,100; c) for professors at all of our other institutions, \$1,800;

2. That all our professors receive an increment of \$60 a year for every dependent child under the age of eighteen years and of \$60 for every five years of service in the Church after graduation, until a maximum is reached: a) at St. Louis, of \$2,700; b) at Springfield, of \$2,400; c) at all other institutions of Synod, of \$2,100;

3. That the presidents at those institutions of Synod which have an enrolment of 125 students or more and the Dean of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, receive the sum of \$300 and that the presidents at those institutions which have an enrolment of less than 125 students receive the sum of \$180 in addition to the salary to which they are entitled according to the foregoing regulations;

4. That all professors not yet married are to receive \$300 less than the basic salary applying to their institutions plus the increment accruing from their years of service;

5. That the salaries of presidents and professors at South American institutions be fixed and adjusted by the respective Boards of Control and Synod's Board of Directors;

6. That salaries herein mentioned be understood to include a place of abode, but not fuel, heat, or light;

7. That Boards of Control and Synod's Board of Directors build garages for professors at our institutions wherever in the opinion of both it seems necessary or expedient, that, however, the professors be held to pay a reasonable amount of rent for the use of such garages;

8. That these regulations go into effect on February 1, 1930.

Old Appropriations Carried Over.

The following resolution was submitted by Committee No. 1:—

WHEREAS, This present convention has authorized certain building operations and made adequate appropriations of money therefor; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent and purpose of this convention that the building operations thus authorized and the appropriations made therefor shall supersede the building operations authorized and the appropriations made therefor by the thirty-third convention of Synod, but not carried out, excepting as hereinafter provided; therefore be it

Resolved, That all resolutions of the thirty-third convention of Synod authorizing building operations and appropriating moneys therefor, but not yet carried out, are hereby repealed, excepting the following:—

1. Springfield dormitory, with a balance of \$684.29.
2. River Forest: Grading and walks, with a balance of \$4,466.24.
3. Seward practise school, with a balance of \$13,500.
4. Bronxville: Walks, with a balance of \$1,840.
5. Edmonton campus, with a balance of \$275.
6. Minor repairs and improvements authorized by the Board of Directors prior to May 31, 1929, with a balance of \$58,978.83.
7. Minor repairs and improvements that may be authorized by the Board of Directors prior to January 31, 1930, \$62,800.

This resolution was *adopted*.

Emergency Appropriations.

Committee No. 1 submitted the following resolution:—

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors has found it necessary and expedient to disburse certain sums of money for which no specific appropriations had been previously made; therefore be it

Resolved, That we approve of the action taken by the Board of Directors in authorizing the following expenditures:—

1. Springfield: Heating-plant	\$18.38
2. Milwaukee: Refectory, dormitory, and power-house....	1,106.13
3. St. Paul: Dormitory (completion)	4,500.00
4. St. Paul: Old residence debt	1,003.00
5. Concordia, Mo.: Lecture hall (plans)	1,000.00
6. Conover: Girls' dormitory debt	2,000.50
7. Austin: Overdraft on building	895.44
8. Porto Alegre, Brazil: Loss on exchange	395.00

Total Emergency Orders (overdrafts) \$10,918.45

This resolution was *adopted*.

II. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION.

Extract from the Report of the School Board.

I. Present Status of the School System.

Number of Schools	1,370
Enrolment	81,457
Regular Man Teachers	1,309
Woman Teachers	494
Pastors Teaching	368
Students	100

We have two teachers' colleges: River Forest, with 18 professors, 2 assistants, and 382 students; Seward, with 11 professors, 5 assistants, 229 male students and 62 girl students.

Each District has a Board of Education.

There are eight District Superintendents of Schools, who serve twelve Districts. Some Districts have special school supervisors.

There is a General School Board, with an Executive Secretary. The superintendents meet annually in conference.

All District boards send delegates to a General Conference once in three years.

II. Peaceful and Healthy Growth of the School System.

A. No Serious Interference from Without.

1. Little or no dangerous legislation in the States.
2. The National Education Bill has so far failed of passage, although it is still pending.

B. A Healthy Growth Within.

1. There is now much greater activity on the part of District boards than ever before, and it is increasing.

2. District conventions are taking more aggressive steps in building up their school system and appropriating ever larger amounts of money for mission-schools. In the 20 Districts from which we have heard to date 103 schools are being subsidized.

3. It is encouraging to see that in our publications, local and general, the schools are more prominently represented.

4. Pastors, teachers, and congregations have taken new hope.

5. Teachers' resignations are entirely normal.

6. Many new school-buildings are being erected and old ones renovated.

7. One of the best signs of hope for the schools is the sending of boys to our teachers' colleges. The fall enrolments have been little influenced by our present ample supply of teachers.

8. Since immigration has practically ceased and the schools have become more and more English, an increased emphasis seems to be put on the one purpose for which our schools exist.

9. There is a growing interest among the teachers in making the Christian training permeate all school activity and to keep the school course strictly Lutheran.

10. More and more activity is noticeable in the expansion of the eight-grade course to one of nine grades.

11. Finally, there is also a steady growth in numbers, as the following table will show:—

Increase in Teaching Positions and Enrolment.

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
Teachers:	1,053	1,062	1,138	1,166	1,208	1,272	1,270	1,309
Pastors:	489	473	460	480	462	447	382	368
Women:	279	320	343	380	405	401	513	494
Students:	133	103	77	79	93	97	85	100
Totals	1,954	1,958	2,018	2,105	2,168	2,217	2,250	2,271
Enrolment:	73,063	73,191	76,317	78,610	79,326	80,173	81,082	81,457

III. Still Far from a Condition that Could and Should Exist.

A. Room for Improvement in Existing Schools.

1. Much can be done to improve instruction and training, buildings and equipment, teachers and text-books, courses and plans, in the schools we now have.

2. At the present time only twelve Districts have the services of regular superintendents, which leaves many sections without systematic supervision.

3. Despite the increasing emphasis on the one real objective of our schools, Christian training, there is still too much emphasis on subject material and on keeping step with the public schools. The latter should be a matter of course and subject material the means of training.

4. Many buildings are still out of keeping with the high purpose of this institution and the fine homes of church-members; proper equipment and pleasant surroundings are often missing in school-rooms and on the premises.

5. Too often mission-children are barred by tuition; financial support of school and teachers is scant and scarce; mission activities are either neglected or discouraged because of the increase in expenses; congregations often rather overburden the pastor or the teacher than call an additional man.

B. The Scope of Our School System Needs to be Extended.

1. It now covers less than half of our children, 41.4 per cent. The great danger is that the other children will imbibe the spirit of religious laxity and unionism and the spirit of the world. And as long as the majority of our Synod's children are thus brought up, a real danger confronts both doctrine and practise of our Church.

2. Nor is it impossible to expand our system still more. According to a recent estimate by members of 24 District boards of education, we could have 456 more schools in those 24 Districts than we now have, and only 198 of these might need financial assistance from their Districts. Figuring an average of 40 pupils for each school, these additional 456 schools would take care of 18,240 additional children.

C. The Schools Do Not as Yet Receive the Necessary Attention.

1. They are too much of a secondary matter in some Districts and localities of Synod.

2. A uniform school effort is not as yet made in all Districts. While in some sections the schools grow by leaps and bounds because of the collective enthusiastic spirit behind them, they are at a standstill in others or even losing ground because of the lack of a general, a synodical, a group interest in them.

3. There seems to be a growing laxity, when congregations are received into Synod, in the matter of insisting on a so-called school paragraph; likewise, when missionaries or pastors are called, with regard to a statement made in the calls given them that they are to open schools at the earliest possible opportunity. And there is evidently a laxity in carrying out such provisions where they do exist.

4. While it must be gratefully acknowledged that our mission boards in general insist on schools, we still have comparatively small appropriations for Christian schools from the mission-treasury. Our mission activity too often leaves out the school.

D. Growth of the School System Too Slow.

1. Every year over half of the children confirmed and received into membership of our congregations and Synod have not had the advantages of a Lutheran school and, notable exceptions cheerfully granted, have not been trained and grounded in the Word of God as they should be.

2. The growth of our school system has been steady since 1920, but it has not made up for the great losses which it sustained during a number of decades of the past, and it is therefore far behind the status which could have been recorded had it kept pace with the growth of Synod during the last thirty years.

Prof. em. J. Herzer also submitted an overture urging greater zeal for parochial schools. He based his argumentation on the clear command of the Scriptures, on the admonitions of Luther, and on the position of Walther, of the Missouri Synod, and of the Synodical Conference. The overture urged Synod to order the publication of more articles in *Der Lutheraner* and the *Lutheran Witness*, warning parents, pastors, and congregations to send their

children only to the Christian parochial schools, called for resolutions urging all pastors to teach school themselves, irrespective of the number of pupils, as long as they have no teacher and for earnest admonition and censure of all congregations and pastors who have no school. Presidents, visitors, and pastors are to provide for the distribution of thorough and decided school tracts among all congregation members. The officials of Synod shall insist on the execution of Synod's regulations pertaining to schools. Only such pastors shall be elected to Synodical offices who have parish schools or are earnestly endeavoring to provide them.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee No. 6, Synod *resolved*:—

1. That we gratefully acknowledge that the Lord has richly blessed our Christian schools during the past triennium, especially that He has warded off attacks upon our schools from without, and that He has given us an ample number of students and candidates for the teaching profession.

2. That we heartily commend congregations, pastors, and teachers for the faithfulness with which they have labored and the sacrifices which they have made in behalf of this cause.

3. That we deplore the fact that during the last decades the growth of our school system has not kept pace with the growth of our Synod, that particularly in some sections of Synod our schools are not prospering, but are at a standstill or losing ground.

4. That we all obligate ourselves to pray and work more diligently than heretofore to improve this situation, to establish more schools, and to increase the efficiency of those already existing.

5. That we urge all Districts, visiting circuits, and pastoral conferences to consider conscientiously the clear and repeated declarations of Synod pertaining to this vital issue and to put them into practise.

6. That joint conferences be regularly held, since they have proved of great value.

7. That the cause of the Christian school be continually kept before our people by articles in the church-papers and by tracts.

8. That all congregations still without schools be urged to consider this matter very seriously and to establish a school at the earliest moment.

9. That the visitors be reminded that it is their duty "to find out whether all congregations in their Districts have schools, and if not, to enquire as to the reason and urge congregations to open schools as soon as possible." (*Synodical Handbook*, page 129.)

10. That, since the success of the Christian day-school depends to a great extent upon the home, our congregations be urged to make

every effort to instruct, assist, and guide parents in the Christian training of their children.

11. That we advise the Districts which have not yet established the office of school superintendent to do so if they can at all afford it or to provide for systematic school supervision in some other manner.

12. That on account of the many special problems the General Educational Conference meet annually during the next triennium.

Board of Christian Education.

The Report of the General Sunday-school Board brought to the attention of Synod the advisability of amalgamating the General School Board and the General Sunday-school Board into one board, to be called the Board of Christian Education. The recommendation was presented in the following resolutions, passed at the joint meeting of the General School Board and the General Sunday-school Board: —

"WHEREAS, There are existing in our congregations various agencies for elementary religious education and training, such as the day-school, the Sunday-school, the Saturday-school, the summer-school, the vacation Bible school, and the week-day religious school; and

"WHEREAS, The relationship of these various agencies shows frequent overlapping of their respective problems; and

"WHEREAS, A number of the enumerated agencies are as yet operating without any synodical supervision and guidance whatever; and

"WHEREAS, Because of the obvious relation of the agencies and their common problems quite a number of our congregations, and practically all of our synodical Districts, are at present supervising and directing all their educational activities through one single board of education in place of several boards as in the past; and

"WHEREAS, Synod has for a number of years recognized the relationship and the common problems of its day-schools and Sunday-schools in so far as it has stipulated regular joint meetings of the existing boards supervising these two agencies; therefore be it

"Resolved, That in place of the present two boards, namely, the General School Board and the General Sunday-school Board, Synod establish one single board, to be called the *Board of Christian Education*, which shall supervise and direct all our educational activities carried on through the agencies enumerated above; and be it further

"Resolved, That this Board of Christian Education consist of thirteen members, selected as follows: one representative of each of the faculties of our two theological seminaries and our two normals,

two pastors, two teachers, four laymen, and the President of Synod; and be it further

"*Resolved*, That this board organize itself into subcommittees, each taking charge of one or more agencies; and be it further

"*Resolved*, That this board be authorized to employ or call needed executive officers at the direction of Synod; and be it further

"*Resolved*, That each subcommittee shall have regular meetings in order to discuss and solve its own special problems; and finally be it

"*Resolved*, That the entire board shall meet at least twice a year.

This memorial was endorsed by a resolution of the Atlantic District and of the Southern Nebraska District.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 6, Synod *adopted* the above resolutions of the General School Board and the General Sunday-school Board.

Sunday-Schools.

Extract of the Report of the General Sunday-School Board.

(Memorial 205).

In accordance with the resolution of Synod, in 1926, and the authorization of the Board of Directors, the Rev. Wm. H. Luke, of Calgary, Alta., Can., was called to the position of editor of Sunday-school literature, director of the Correspondence School, and acting secretary of the Board. While responsible to the General Sunday-school Board, his salary is paid in part by Concordia Publishing House.

An extended survey of the Sunday-school situation in Synod was made by means of a questionnaire, in January, 1929.

Following table shows the growth of the Sunday-school:—

	<i>Sunday-schools.</i>	<i>Pupils.</i>	<i>Teachers.</i>
1926	2,405	170,722	16,519
Increase	105	8,575	1,237
1927	2,483	181,576	16,883
Increase	81	10,854	364

District and congregational leaders are making serious efforts to keep the Sunday-schools within truly Lutheran channels as an educational agency of, and responsible to, the local congregation. Yet much remains to be done to eliminate the non-Lutheran features which in most instances crept into our Sunday-schools before any supervision or direction was exercised by congregations, Districts, or Synod.

While considering the Sunday-school its first charge, the Board has kept in mind the development of other agencies to preserve proper relations and balance.

Much progress has been made in grading and reorganizing Sunday-schools. Congregations are exercising closer supervision and more direct control than formerly. More care is exercised in the appointment of officers and teachers and their training. Beginnings have been made in the organization of Sunday-schools according to visitation circuits, thus fitting these organizations into the properly constituted bounds of the synodical organization.

A handbook, *The Lutheran Sunday-school*, is in preparation.

The Concordia series of Sunday-school literature has rapidly increased in circulation. The fact has become fairly well known that it is a serious matter to place non-Lutheran literature in the hands of our Sunday-school pupils. However, the fact that such sad experiments are still being tried from time to time compels the Board to continue to warn against the use of literature and additional material that has not been carefully censored.

The training of teachers remains the greatest problem in Sunday-school work. Every local congregation must realize its own responsibility in the training of its teachers, even when taking advantage of institutes and associations.

The emphasis of the Board on regular teachers' meetings in the local congregations has met with good response. However, less than one half of the Sunday-schools have the benefit of continued training in regular teachers' meetings. Pastors must realize the importance of properly preparing the teachers or at least see the danger in having unprepared teachers lay the first foundation of religious instruction.

The Correspondence School for Sunday-school teachers has enjoyed a steadily increasing enrolment and has been self-sustaining from the beginning. The highest enrolment was reached in 1929, when 245 students were enrolled. Numerous congregations pay the tuition fee for their teachers.

On this matter Committee No. 6 presented the following report:

Your Committee was pleased to note from the report of the Sunday-school Board the earnest endeavor of the latter to keep the Sunday-school within truly Lutheran channels, and we commend the industry and efficiency of the Board in expanding, supervising, and directing the work of the Sunday-school and in improving its organization.

It is only gratifying that the Board is keenly aware of further problems, as, the elimination of all remaining non-Lutheran features in materials and practise, the training of teachers, regular teachers' meetings, the perfection of administration and supervision, the closer cooperation with other agencies for Christian education within the congregation, more complete and reliable statistics, etc.

We recommend that Synod encourage the Board, its secretary, and the many leaders and workers in the field and wish them God's blessing and continued guidance.

We further recommend that Synod, chiefly also District conventions and pastors' and teachers' conferences, give the amount of attention to the Sunday-school problems that their scope and importance demand.

Action.

This report and the recommendations contained therein were *adopted*.

Sunday-School Associations and Institutes.

A memorial of the General Sunday-school Board (p. 207) called Synod's attention to the fact that Sunday-school associations and institutes which are conducted by more than one congregation needed the guidance which Synod has ever given through its Districts and the respective District boards. The memorial requested that Synod pass resolutions providing that all Sunday-school associations and institutes established within the domain of Synod be controlled by the respective District or Districts.

Similar action was also proposed by an unprinted memorial of the Northern Illinois District.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee No. 6, Synod

Resolved:—

That all Sunday-school associations and institutes in Synod be supervised and directed by the respective District or Districts.

Change of Teachers during School-Year.

Overture 203, from the Southern Illinois District, requested Synod warmly to recommend for general usage that, if at all possible, no change in teaching positions be made during the school-year.

Touching this matter Committee No. 6 brought in the following report:—

That we call attention to a former resolution of Synod advising against transferring of teachers during the school-year.

Action.

This report was *adopted* by Synod.

Lady Teachers.

In response to a letter of Teacher H. A. Weinrich, of St. Peter, Ill., objecting to the employment of woman teachers in our Christian parish schools, Committee No. 1 recommended to Synod the adoption of the following declaration:—

We hold that the calling of regular male graduates of our synod-

ical normal institutions as teachers to our parish schools must by all means remain the rule and order in our Synod. All congregations are therefore urged to call male teachers in preference to employing woman teachers and to strive that woman teachers are replaced by regularly called male teachers as soon as local conditions will permit.

At the same time we are of the opinion that the employment of woman teachers in our parish schools cannot be avoided altogether, nor should it be discountenanced under all circumstances. We hold that woman teachers often are especially adapted to fill positions successfully in the lower grades of our schools. However, congregations in engaging woman teachers should exercise great care that only such women are appointed as teachers in our parish schools as have been thoroughly trained also in the teaching of religion and in every way have received a full training, preferably in our own institutions, that will fit them for Christian parish-school work.

Action.

This report was *adopted* by Synod.

III. MISSIONS.

Home Missions in North America.

Committee No. 8, which had to consider the report of the Board of Home Missions in North America, brought out the following:—

“Mission-work is our chief obligation. Accordingly, it was but proper that in accordance with the Great Commission of the Lord to His Church on earth a goodly sum should have been expended for Home Mission work during the last triennium. As the report shows, a total of \$561,177.21 was used through the agency of your Home Mission Board for this work in thirteen subsidized Districts during the period of 1926 to 1929. With all due gratitude to the Lord for His manifest blessings upon our labors in this field, it is but fair to call attention to the fact that the hope of seeing this last triennium become a real mission triennium did not materialize and that in consequence your Board, because of shortage of funds, was often placed in embarrassing situations, with consequent suffering of the work in the Districts depending upon them for support.

“As to the needs of this work for the coming triennium, your Committee recommends that first of all and by all means Synod appropriate for 1930 the sum of \$256,000 for Home Missions in supported Districts. This sum was arrived at by the Mission Conference in session on June 18, where the requests of each of the supported

Districts, as presented by their representatives, were carefully considered, first by a special subcommittee and then by the whole Mission Conference, and sanctioned. This sum is divided as follows:—

Districts			
"Alberta-British Columbia.	\$44,000	Manitoba-Saskatchewan	... \$30,000
Atlantic	15,000	Ontario	... 4,500
California-Nevada	35,000	Oregon-Washington	... 25,000
Colorado	20,000	Oklahoma	... 9,000
Southern	*20,000	North Dakota-Montana	... 18,000
Texas	†27,000	Alaska	... 3,000
		Emergency Fund	... 3,500
* Plus \$2,000 for Cuba.		† Including \$3,000 for Mexico City.	

"These sums may seem large, but they represent only the most urgent needs and allow for but very little expansion. As to the Canadian provinces, Synod should remember that any members we gain there represent a net gain, not merely a transfer from one congregation to another, as is often the case with our work in the United States; furthermore, that there is a great stream of immigration pouring into Western Canada right now and that our Synod is in a peculiarly fortunate position to gather them in, or rather, to divert these streams into our parishes. The tremendous distances to be covered, the many places the individual missionary must serve, the consequent small number of services each place receives, the poverty of the people,—all this combines to make the work expensive. But it is work for the future and under God's blessing has brought splendid results. In the California and Nevada District, for instance, \$6,000 of the subsidy is intended for parochial schools, while about \$5,000 must be applied to the deficit caused by the cut in the subsidy last year. Other details could be supplied. We repeat our recommendation that Synod should by all means allow this sum of \$256,000."

After thorough discussion this request for \$256,000 was *granted*.

The committee advocated a "vigorous advancement of our Home Mission work"; and since the \$256,000 granted does not provide for such expansion as is planned by the Mission Board, the additional sum of \$48,000 for Home Mission work in 1930 was requested. Since this sum is not included in the proposed "attainable" budget submitted by the Committee on Appropriations, Synod *declined* the request.

Executive Secretary for Home Missions.

Memorial 315 advocated the establishment of a Central Department of Missions for all missions, except Foreign and Negro Missions, including the calling of a full-time executive secretary. Pursuant to this request and referring to the statements in the *Proceedings* of 1926, page 165, Committee No. 8 recommended the adding of an *executive secretary to the Home Mission Board*.

This recommendation was *not adopted* by Synod.

Apportionment of Home Mission Subsidies.

The unprinted overture on this matter read as follows: —

“Under the present rules of Synod it is the business of the Fiscal Conference to apportion the synodical budget among the Districts. The Home Missions Conference, working independently, fixes the Home Mission subsidies. There is such a close relation between these two functions, each being directly conditional on the other, that in our opinion only one body can do justice to both. Therefore we recommend that, beginning with the budget for 1930, the Fiscal Conference apportion also the Home Missions subsidies.”

The committee reported as follows: “Your Committee would like to refer to the decision of the Mission Conference to meet before the meeting of the Fiscal Conference which fixes the budget and to be represented at the Fiscal Conference.

“Since the apportioning of the Home Missions subsidies involves such a study of detail and such intimate acquaintance with the ramifications of the work, it would saddle the Fiscal Conference with a tremendous burden to ask it to do this, and in the opinion of your Committee this work may well be left in the hands of the annual Mission Conference. Your Committee recommends that no change be effected in this matter, believing that the Fiscal Conference should honor the findings of the Mission Conference and make changes only under pressure of the greatest necessity.”

Synod *adopted* this recommendation.

Church Extension Matters.

The Church Extension Board had reported, in part, as follows: —

During the past three years the General Church Extension Fund rounded out twenty-five years of its existence. Called into existence in 1902 by a resolution of Synod, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the fund came in 1927. Its beginnings were very meager. After the first six years the capital had grown to only \$400. By 1911 the fund had received \$4,500. In this year the Walther Jubilee collection of \$40,000 was added to the fund. In 1917 the Reformation anniversary collection augmented the fund by \$344,895.24. In 1920 the surplus in the treasury of the Lutheran Church Board for Army and Navy, U. S. A., amounting to \$313,747.24, was added to the fund. Three years ago the fund was put on Synod's budget. At the beginning of the year 1929, 295 congregations owed the General Church Extension Fund \$999,889.99. During the twenty-seven years of the working of the fund about \$1,900,000 has been lent to 468 congregations. A map will be on display at the meeting of Synod showing the distribution of these

loans throughout the Districts of Synod. The fund has an average monthly return of over \$10,000. Most of the congregations are meeting their obligations promptly, although there are some that, for various reasons, are in arrears. It may be recorded as complimentary to the management of the General Church Extension Fund that during these twenty-seven years, with a turnover of nearly \$2,000,000, the actual losses have been less than \$2,000. Very great care is exercised by the Board in making the loans. The Board assures itself not only of the need of a building in the place for which it is requested, but also of the validity of the security. Titles are investigated carefully, and this procedure has, incidentally, served to clear up many title flaws for our congregations, preventing much possible trouble for them in the future. During the year 1928 the General Church Extension Board curtailed its activities in order to maintain a large balance for Synod's treasury. In this way a large amount of interest was saved for Synod, inasmuch as Synod could borrow from the General Church Extension Fund instead of from banks.

During the years 1926, 1927, and 1928 the additions to the fund from the Synodical Budget and through bequests amounted to \$257,679.18. The net gain in the fund for these three years was \$275,689.60, and at the beginning of 1929 the books showed a present worth of \$1,165,957.58. The loans made during the three years, 1926, 1927, and 1928, totaled \$459,807.42. The General Church Extension Board owes members of Synod who have lent money to the Board \$108,956.20. A large part of this is lent without interest, but on some of this money low interest rates are paid. The Board lends this borrowed money to congregations that are able to pay interest on a loan. The interest received from such congregations for the three years was \$4,713.05, and the interest paid out by the Board was \$5,545.76. The Board's expenses for the three years were \$5,715.34.

In 1928 the General Church Extension Board requested the Fiscal Office of Synod to take charge of the Accounts Receivable in order to relieve the chairman and the treasurer of a burden that was becoming too great. The Board of Directors sanctioned the arrangement, and its operation has been very satisfactory.

Regarding this part of the report, the recommendations of Committee No. 8, as *adopted* by Synod, were as follows:—

"Your Committee feels that Synod should express its delight and profound gratification at the remarkable growth and success of the general Church Extension Fund during the twenty-seven years of its existence. Commendation is due the members of this board for their

faithful service, their untiring efforts, their efficient management, their circumspect and careful handling of the funds entrusted to them, and for the assistance given such congregations and mission-places as were, either totally or partially, unable to provide for themselves a place of worship for the spreading of God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure."

Furthermore the Church Extension Board had suggested and drafted a new set of regulations for the control of the fund.

These *regulations* were adopted in the following form:—

A. Organization.

1. The General Church Extension Board, hereinafter called the Board, shall consist of six persons, two pastors, two teachers, and two laymen, who shall be elected by Synod in accordance with its rules and regulations for elections. The members of the Board shall, if possible, serve longer than a three-year term.

2. The members of this Board shall live in such proximity of each other that they can readily meet without incurring undue expense.

3. The Board shall organize, and it shall elect its own officers.

4. The Board shall fill any vacancies that may occur during its term of office, such elections to be subject to confirmation by the President of Synod.

5. This Board shall be charged with the administration of the General Church Extension Fund, grant loans, make collections, and see that Synod's regulations regarding this fund are carried out.

6. All moneys flowing into the General Church Extension Fund, whether repayments or additions to the capital, shall be received by the Treasurer of Synod, and he, in turn, shall place them at the disposal of the treasurer of the Board. The Treasurer of Synod shall make a monthly report to the treasurer of the Board.

7. The General Church Extension Fund receives its moneys by means of collections, donations, and bequests. When the Board deems it expedient, it may, through Synod's Treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Directors, receive loans that are offered to the fund, the notes for these loans being obligations of Synod.

B. Loans in General.

1. Loans shall be granted to or for such organized missions and congregations only as are in membership with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States.

2. Loans may be made for church- and school-buildings and, in exceptional cases, for parsonages and teacherages.

3. The loan or loans to or for one congregation or mission-station shall not exceed \$10,000 in the aggregate without the consent of Synod's Board of Directors.

4. Loans shall be made for a period of not more than ten years.

5. Repayments of no less than 10 per cent. of the loan per annum shall be required.

6. In order to defray the expenses of the administration of the fund, an administration fee shall be charged at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the unpaid balance, payable annually on the anniversary of the loan, except that for loans to Districts for new and unorganized mission projects the Districts be not expected to pay the 1 per cent. administration fee, but pay whatever actual expenses are connected with the transaction.

C. Loans to Congregations.

1. Loans shall be granted only to such congregations as are unable themselves to finance their building projects and cannot secure sufficient loans from the respective Districts.

2. The congregation shall be incorporated and authorized by law to mortgage its property.

3. The congregation shall own the land upon which the building is to be erected or the property acquired in fee simple, free and clear of liens, encumbrances, and reversions.

4. A loan shall not exceed 50 per cent. of the cost of the land and buildings given as security for the loan.

5. All loans shall be secured by mortgage, in form as prescribed by the Board, which shall be a first lien or encumbrance on property of the congregation and which shall be duly executed, recorded, and forwarded to the Board together with a certificate of title brought down to date.

6. All property mortgaged to the Board shall be insured against fire and windstorm in an amount no less than the loan in force. Such insurance policies shall be written by insurance companies acceptable to the Board and shall contain the following clause: "Loss, if any, payable to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, as its interest may appear," and the policies shall be forwarded to the Board.

7. Should a congregation cease to be a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States or abandon public worship or become extinct, then any loan it may have from the General Church Extension Fund shall become immediately due and payable, and the Board shall enforce collection.

8. Before a loan is granted to a congregation, it shall furnish

a copy of the resolutions, giving page and volume of the minutes in which such resolutions are recorded, which resolutions shall authorize its trustees or other legal officers to *apply for* a loan and which, in the event that a loan is granted, authorize its trustees or other legal officers to take the proper steps legally to *mortgage* its property.

9. Applications for loans shall be made on questionnaires furnished by the Board, giving the following data: —

- a. Name and location of the congregation;
- b. Date of organization;
- c. Date of incorporation;
- d. Number of voting and communicant members;
- e. What prospects it has of increasing;
- f. What property it possesses;
- g. What debts it has;
- h. How much it has contributed in the past year toward the defrayment of its own current expenses;
- i. How large a loan is desired;
- j. How much the contemplated new building will cost;
- k. Whether the congregation believes that it can make the required 10-per-cent. annual repayment on the requested loan;
- l. Signature of the pastor and of the trustees of the congregation;
- m. Endorsement of the District president and of the District Church Extension Board or the District Mission Board.

D. Loans to Districts.

1. The District shall be incorporated.
2. The printed proceedings of the District shall record the authority of its legal officers to borrow money and give the District's notes as security for the loan.
3. Each loan to a District must be made for a specific congregation or mission-station.
4. The District shall give its note or notes, signed by its legal officers, as security for the loan.

With the adoption of the foregoing regulations all former regulations regarding the General Church Extension Board as recorded in the *Handbook* of 1924, pages 77 to 81, both inclusive, are repealed.

On recommendation of the Committee, Synod *resolved to grant the petition of the Board to cancel the following accounts* which are being carried on the books, but upon which, for various reasons, no collections are possible: —

Bisbee (Lowell), Finnish Mission	\$ 170.00
Payette, Idaho, St. John's	150.00
Adelaide, Idaho	1,171.50

Budget for Church Extension Fund.

The committee reported: "With reference to the future needs of this fund we fully agree with the convictions of the Committee on Appropriations 'that Synod's greatest need is the expansion of its missions.'

"Since, furthermore, the success of our missionary activity will depend to a large degree upon the ability of the Church Extension Board to furnish our missionaries with chapels, and since, in fact, every phase of our present situation in Synod calls for a constantly increasing activity of the General Church Extension Board, your Committee again agrees with the Committee on Appropriations 'that Synod will need to appropriate much of its resources for mission and church extension.'

"Therefore, trying to accommodate ourselves to the program of the Committee on Appropriations, we recommend,—though we are aware of the fact that the Church Extension Fund could indeed well use the entire sum of \$900,000 asked for the next three years,—

"That Synod appropriate at least the \$300,000 the Committee on Appropriations sees available."

This report was *adopted*.

Student Welfare Work at Universities and Institutions of Higher Learning.

Concerning this matter the Board of Home Missions in North America submitted the following report:—

Synod, at its last convention, adopted a resolution to the effect that the Student Welfare Committee, consisting of Revs. Ad. Haentzschel, G. Stiegemeyer, and Prof. Heimlich, jointly with the Board of Home Missions in North America, call a Student Field Secretary, who shall devote his full time to general student work under the supervision of the Student Welfare Committee. When an attempt was made to carry out Synod's will, difficulties were encountered. It was found that the appropriation of \$5,000 made for this purpose lacked the modifying term "per annum" or per "triennium." Synod's Board of Directors interpreted the sum to mean \$5,000 per triennium. Having therefore but \$1,750 annually at our disposal for this purpose, the plan to call a Student Field Secretary had to be abandoned. Soon thereafter the Student Welfare Committee tendered its resignation to the Ven. President of Synod, who then appointed the Board of Home Missions temporarily to take care of this work.

We have done for this cause what under the circumstances could be done. We instructed the District mission boards to minister to the spiritual needs of students wherever possible; we also took a census of this work, which can be read, if so desired; and we

submitted the whole matter regarding student work to the Missions Conference for careful consideration. The Missions Conference has requested our Board to make the following overture to Synod:—

Resolved, That this Conference reiterate the resolutions concerning student work already passed by the last Synod:—

a) That Synod call on its Districts to make provisions for the students at the institutions within the territory of each through the Inner Mission Board or otherwise;

b) That Synod create a board or committee to supervise this work;

c) That we reaffirm that Synod call a General Student Field Secretary who shall devote his full time to general student work under the direction of the Student Welfare Committee.—

Pursuant to the recommendations of Committee No. 8, Synod *adopted* the first point, under a), also point b), with the provision that this committee is "to work in harmony with the Home Mission Board and District boards, interest itself particularly in student welfare work, arrange for annual conferences of student pastors, and otherwise foster this work as best it can."

As to point c), Synod *adopted* the recommendation of the committee *not* to call such a general Student Field Secretary.

Clearing-House Method for Reporting Removals.

The Board of Directors of the Southern District had submitted a plan for more systematic and efficient control and handling of the problem of keeping in touch with members of our churches who move to other localities. (Cf. *Lutheran Witness* of February 5, 1929.) Committee No. 8 brought in the following report:—

"Your Committee recognizes that there are a number of commendable features embodied in this overture and takes occasion to commend the interest in, and thoughtfulness for, this important matter by the author of this proposal.

"However, your Committee feels that the proposed system involves too much motion and the loss of too much time and believes that the same end would be accomplished if all pastors would faithfully report directly to the pastor of the place to which their members move, or to the mission board of the District to which the respective person moves, and by using the hospice secretary system of the Walther League.

"We recommend that Synod urge all its pastors to make diligent use of the means now existing for the reporting of removals and urge all members to keep their pastors informed. Neglect of this important matter accounts for a deplorable and unnecessary loss of souls to our Church each year."

The Synod *adopted* the report of the committee.

Missions in South America.

(Extracts from the Report.)

According to the resolution of Synod a representative was sent into the South American fields, namely, Mr. Henry W. Horst, a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Horst visited the larger part of the territories served by us in Brazil and Argentina and labored energetically everywhere by word and deed for the best interests of the cause. Synod owes him a vote of thanks, even as the South American brethren went on record thanking him for his helpful visit. His journey lasted from January to May, 1928. He is ready to report to Synod and should be given an opportunity to tell about his experiences, in order that Synod may gain a better insight into the situation.

Pastor F. G. Miessler, who has been conducting the correspondence during the triennium, herewith submits the following report on South America:—

Brazil.

In Brazil our Synod has been working twenty-eight years under the most difficult circumstances. From the beginning there was much material for missionary work. However, the work among the spiritually neglected Germans, who were weak in spiritual understanding and labored under great poverty, made but slow progress. Nevertheless we must thank God that our few laborers have shown great zeal and energy and have gained one victory after the other. It is true that we have no self-supporting congregations in Brazil at the present time, but Mr. Horst could report that at the District synod last year more than ten congregations, both their pastors and delegates, declared publicly that they would make every possible effort to become self-sustaining in the next few years.

Good work is being done at our institution at Porto Alegre. This year six graduates, who had also served one year as vicars, were dismissed into the ministry. Three candidates for the teaching profession have finished their studies and will enter the work in our schools after doing supply-work for one year. The board advocates the institution of a pedagogical department in the seminary at Porto Alegre, for which the necessary professor should be called in the near future.

In order to prepare the students at Porto Alegre for the ever-increasing work among the Portuguese, Prof. F. Carchia was recently called.

The work in Rio de Janeiro and neighboring cities is to be taken up in the near future. Pastor Hasse is at work now, exploring the field, and the board asks Synod to make arrangements to proceed with this work if the opportunities are favorable.

The recommendation of the last Delegate Synod concerning the founding of a higher school of learning for girls could not be carried out because of the lack of funds.

Something should be done to further the cause of our schools in Brazil, as it has been done in Argentina.

Since the institution at Porto Alegre was founded twenty-five years ago, forty-two pastors and eight teachers have graduated from this seminary.

Argentina.

Also in Argentina, although this country is much farther advanced than Brazil, there is still much spiritual darkness. Nevertheless, we must thank God for the evident success of our work in this country, where our youngest District was organized last year in the presence of Mr. Horst, Pastor G. Huebner being elected president.

The first convention of this District asked the Mission Board in Chicago to send a capable teacher from one of our normal schools, who would for a year or more help Rev. Huebner's congregation, and probably at the Concordia College, and, above all, secure through personal study a teacher's certificate from the Argentine government, after its receipt accept a regular call from some self-supporting congregation in Argentina, and in the future not only fill the position of an ordinary teacher, but also build a real foundation for the school system in Argentina. This was carried out with the help of liberal friends, without burdening the mission treasury. Candidate F. Groth from River Forest was called, and he entered upon his work last year, together with the two theological candidates G. Batz and Theo. Schroeder.

The great need for a suitable meeting-place for our congregation in Buenos Aires has finally been met. On October 10, 1927, a suitable church was dedicated, which is proving to be a great help toward the attendance at the services. This church has a seating capacity of 150 and costs \$20,000, together with the furnishings, the ground, and the parsonage. \$10,000 was borrowed from the Church Extension Fund and the remainder from private sources. In the mean time, Pastor A. T. Kramer has been called as professor to Crespo. The institution at Crespo has been built by gifts of the brethren in Argentina, without synodical help, and is enjoying a healthy growth. This institution was also visited by Mr. Horst, who also attended both District synods.

The Argentine District now numbers 7,533 souls, 4,185 communicant members, and has contributed \$14,741.72 towards salaries.

The finance committee of the Argentine District had submitted an overture (see *Memorials*, p. 107) asking that the full amount of \$12,000 be granted for the work in their District, since a second professor is to be granted for the institution at Crespo, since a temporary

director must be employed for six months during the vacation of Prof. Ergang, since the traveling expenses of these two men, the second professor and the director, must be met, since an additional missionary is placed in the field, and since the harvest in the Southern territory has been very poor.

Concerning South American matters Committee No. 9 reported as follows:—

Your Committee on Missions in South America begs to submit the following report:—

Since Mr. Horst, member of our Board of Directors, last year by resolution of Synod visited our mission-field in South America, we recommend—

1. That Synod tender Mr. Horst a hearty vote of thanks for services thus rendered to Synod;

2. That Mr. Horst now be given an opportunity to address Synod on our mission-fields in South America. (Accordingly Mr. Horst as well as Professors Schelp and Ergang addressed Synod on South American matters.)

Brazil.

1. Besides the printed overtures on page 103 to 107 there were several unprinted memorials to be considered by your Committee. In one of these the brethren in Brazil request that they be given a representative and an adviser, residing in the United States, but spending sufficient time on the South American mission-field to be sufficiently familiar with its needs and thus able to advise the respective boards in the United States and the brethren in South America in their work.

Since the brethren themselves make this request and since your committee after careful consideration of the respective documents is convinced that the present conditions in our mission-field in Brazil demand that a special representative and adviser be given them, we recommend that Synod endeavor to secure a man who could serve in the aforesaid capacity as long as necessary. We further recommend that the Board of Directors, together with the Board of Missions in South America, be instructed to carry out this recommendation, to call such a representative and to give him the proper instructions.

2. Some of the brethren in Brazil request that besides this special representative they also be given a permanent field secretary. In view of the foregoing recommendation we recommend that Synod refrain from calling a permanent field secretary.

3. Regarding the recommendation of the Board (Memorial 305, page 104) pertaining to the establishing of a pedagogical chair in the seminary at Porto Alegre we recommend that Synod establish such a chair and call the necessary professor.

4. Since, according to reports received, the missionary opportunities in Rio de Janeiro and other larger cities seem to be very favorable at present, we recommend that Synod instruct its board to begin work in these cities and wherever possible.

Argentina.

For reasons given in Memorial 306, page 107, we recommend that Synod grant to the Argentine District for the coming year the sum of \$12,000, an increase of \$2,000 over that of the year 1928.

Relative to a third professorship, we recommend that this matter be given into the hands of the Board of Missions in South America, together with the Board of Directors.

Regarding the vacancy at Buenos Aires we recommend that Synod give also this matter into the hands of the Board of Directors and the Board of Missions in South America.

Finally we recommend that Synod once more remind the brethren in South America of the resolution passed by Synod in 1926, namely, that communications and overtures to Synod should not be sent to individual members of Synod without the knowledge of the respective boards.

Regarding unprinted memorial 2 a we recommend that Synod grant this petition, namely, that all South American publications be censored by the respective South American faculties, those in Brazil by the faculty at Porto Alegre and those in Argentina by the Crespo faculty, since the St. Louis faculty can hardly exercise the necessary censorship, because of the great distance and also because of language difficulties.

All the recommendations of the committee were *adopted* in the above form.

Immigrant and Seamen's Missions in New York.

Report of the Immigrant Mission Board.

Our Synod has been engaged in Immigrant Mission work for the last sixty years. As the United States made new regulations and laws in regard to immigration, so also our mission-work had to be changed from time to time to meet the new problems which arose. We are now working under the quota law, which restricts each country to a proportional number of immigrants to be admitted from its confines. Immigrants do not, as formerly was the case, pass through Ellis Island, but are landed like other passengers on the various docks of the steamship companies. Here the missionary must now meet the immigrants in order to be of service to them.

At the beginning of this last triennium, Pastor A. G. Dick, associate missionary with Pastor O. H. Restin, had charge of this work on the docks. When he again accepted a call into the ministry of

a congregation, Pastor H. H. Gallman of the Inner Mission was temporarily appointed to give part of his time to Immigrant Mission work. He did this faithfully until he took sick. Thereafter Pastor Restin did the work alone with his office assistants. On account of failing health, however, Pastor Restin again asked for an associate missionary. Upon the urgent advice of the Ven. President of Synod this request was acceded to, and Pastor C. E. Gallman was called and installed February 24, 1929. Pastor Restin could not appear at this service because of serious illness, and early the next morning, February 25, he was called to his eternal home.

The new missionary will now have charge of the whole work. May God graciously grant him strength and wisdom and continue to bless this work for the welfare of immortal souls!

Report on the Seamen's Mission.

During the last triennium our missionary, Pastor M. Pinkert, did conscientious and blessed work among seamen in the harbor of New York. He reports monthly to the Board which ships he has visited, on what day, and how many people he succeeded in approaching each time. During the last three years he was able to visit 1,419 ships, meeting thousands of sailors and conducting 185 divine services on board the ships. Besides, he served several thousand in our seamen's chapel, giving them advice and offering helpful suggestions. He preached regularly on Sunday afternoons and held devotional services on afternoons of week-days. He distributed many thousands of Bibles, parts of the Bible, and tracts. Such conscientious activity surely will not remain without fruit. May God continue to bless these efforts!

Regarding these two missions, Committee No. 13 submitted the following resolution, which was *adopted* by Synod:—

"After many years of faithful service, Pastor O. H. Restin, immigrant missionary of New York, was called to his eternal home on February 25, 1929. Since February 24 of this year, Pastor C. E. Gallman has charge of this work, and we pray that God will richly bless all his efforts. Now,—

"WHEREAS, Our Immigrant Mission in New York continues to be an agency whereby our Church is able to establish contact with, and render assistance to, many Lutherans coming to this country; and

"WHEREAS, The faithful and conscientious work of our missionary among the seamen has shown results in the past and will not remain without fruit in future; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we recommend that Synod grant to the Board of Immigrant and Seamen's Missions in New York the sum of \$7,250 per annum for the next triennium."

Immigrant Mission Work in Western Canada.

To the report of the Immigrant Mission Board for Western Canada (cf. *Reports and Memorials*, p. 121), Committee No. 8 brought in the following recommendations:—

"1. In view of the fact that Synod already in 1926 decided to engage in Immigrant Mission work in Western Canada;

"2. That very recently an immigrant missionary (Rev. John Herzer) has been successfully called;

"3. That the Appropriations Committee anticipated this expense;

"4. That the immigration is large there, having amounted to 180,000 in the past year, mission opportunities being therefore very great;

"5. That about 70 per cent. of the immigrants arrive in Canada without a definite destination in view, many of whom could then be directed to our mission-stations through the services of the immigrant missionary; and

"6. That other churches and our own, beginning in a small way, have been very successful in this mission; therefore

"Your Committee recommends that Synod appropriate \$2,000 for 1929—the missionary being but recently called—and thereafter \$3,000 annually."

The recommendations were *adopted*.

Foreign-Tongue Missions.

The Board of Missions among people of foreign tongues in our country pointed out in its report that this work is still necessary, although many of the young people served by us are becoming English. The congregations are increasing their contributions toward the support of their pastors, and there is a noticeable growth in Christian knowledge.

The Board then pointed out the difficulty of finding suitable pastors for these foreign-tongue congregations, even among such students as were familiar with the one or the other language required. There are opportunities of importing workers from foreign countries, if the money can be made available to have them come over and if the assurance can be had that they are properly trained.

The Board felt that the salaries of the missionaries should be raised. Altogether \$24,000 will be necessary for the work next year.

Work among the Persians and the Spanish (Mexicans) was begun.

Attention was called to the need of suitable literature in the various languages, such as catechisms, tracts, periodicals, etc. The hope was expressed that, if only the initial expenses are met, the undertaking will soon be self-supporting.

The report of Committee No. 11 on these matters was as follows:

1. Regarding calling pastors from Europe for this mission we recommend that only such men from Europe be called as are graduated from, or recommended by, the faculty of the Seminary at Zehlendorf, Germany.

2. Regarding the salary of missionaries we recommend that the basic salary of these missionaries be 20 per cent. over and above the salary paid to the missionaries of the respective District. We recommend this because we have been convinced that missionaries have left foreign-tongue missions to accept calls into English or German fields on account of financial reasons, and since the number of those able to speak the foreign tongues is so limited, we cannot afford to lose them because of financial difficulties.

3. We recommend that \$1,000 be granted for the publication of the necessary literature.

4. We recommend that the \$24,000 requested for this mission be granted.

5. Since thousands of Mexicans come to our country and since to a great extent these people are blind heathen, your Committee recommends —

a. That a committee be appointed by Synod to study the possibilities of starting more aggressive mission-work among the Mexicans;

b. That, as soon as opportunities offer, this committee encourage the mission-board of the respective District to start work for the time being;

c. That the President of Synod be empowered to appoint a Board for Mexican Mission within the present triennium, if necessary, and that the Board of Directors fix the budget of the same;

d. That this committee consider whether it would not be advisable to introduce Spanish into one or more of our colleges in the Southwest.

Action.

Synod took action as follows: —

Recommendations 1, 3, 4, and 5 a, b, and c were *adopted*. Recommendation 2 was *declined*, since the Board has the authority to increase the salaries if necessary. Recommendation 5 d was *not* adopted.

Indian Missions.

(Extracts from the Report.)

With praise and thanksgiving to the Lord of the harvest we report to Synod that our work among the Indians in the past triennium has been successful.

Missionary O. Boettcher is in charge of the Red Springs-Neopit-Morgan parish. According to his report there are 182 souls, 92 communicant members, and 23 voting members in this parish. Ser-

VICES were held every Sunday at Red Springs, with an average attendance of from 35 to 40, and every second Sunday at Neopit and Morgan, with an average of 26 in attendance at both places.

The congregation at Red Springs keeps the church in repair and pays the fuel for the church, the three places contribute a small amount toward the missionary's salary, and Red Springs has also contributed toward the budget.

Our boarding-school at Red Springs has an enrolment of 12. Some applicants had to be turned away because of lack of room. The school-work done by the three teachers has been quite satisfactory. The missionary, in addition to his classes for confirmation, also instructs some of the classes at school in religion.

We again permanently employed a matron, cook, laundress, janitor, and, temporarily, a baker for the work in the boarding-school. The buildings were all kept in repair and paint.

Since there is too much work in this field for one missionary, especially since Neopit, which for some time had been served by a neighboring pastor of a white congregation, was, upon his removal, reunited with Red Springs, and the work cannot be done as efficiently as it should be, we recommend to Synod a division of this field. \$16,200 per annum would be needed to cover the current expenses of these stations.

Since there is only one hospital room with three beds and in some cases two employees must be quartered in a single suite, we recommend to Synod to appropriate \$6,000 to remedy this condition by extending the dormitory.

We would also call your attention to the fact that neither Morgan nor Neopit has a chapel. The services are conducted in schoolhouses.

Our Missionary C. Aaron is in charge of the work at Oneida. He reports 90 souls, 60 communicant members, and 12 voting members in his congregation. Services are conducted regularly in Oneida and at several places in the surrounding country, with an average attendance of 45. The Sunday-school has an enrolment of 16; the Christian day-school, conducted by the missionary, 27. The missionary believes that there is quite a promising outlook for Oneida. \$2,300 will be necessary at this station for current expenses.

Since the parsonage has grown too small for the missionary's family, we recommend that Synod appropriate \$1,500 for an addition to be built to it.

Missionary C. Aaron made a very urgent appeal for a church-building at Oneida, and the Indian members of our church there also sent in an appeal to the same effect, stating that a small fund is at hand for that purpose.

The impassable roads over which Missionary Aaron had to travel

serve Quinney and our inability to induce neighboring pastors to leave it have compelled us to discontinue services there.

For some time we were doing mission-work among the Indian children in the Government school at Tomah, Wis. This work, too, had to be discontinued because we could find no one to take care of it. Plans have been made, however, to call a missionary for the work in the Government school and the surrounding territory. There are from 75 to 90 Indian children of the Lutheran faith in that school. We petition Synod to appropriate \$1,600 for this work.

The work at Sherman Institute, Arlington, Cal., consists chiefly in following up the Lutheran Indian children coming here from Arizona. The chapel, for the erection of which funds were appropriated three years ago, was not erected. The Mission Board for Southern California, however, requests the renewal of the appropriation. For current expenses about \$125 per annum is needed.

The Mission Board of the Oregon and Washington District requests an appropriation of \$2,500 for a proposed mission in the Yakima Reservation. Your Board is awaiting action of Synod in the matter.

The budget for Indian Missions, for current expenses, according to these plans would have to be fixed at \$22,900 per annum. Buildings recommended, \$7,500, plus the cost of the church at Oneida, if Synod so decides.

The recommendations of Committee No. 11 regarding Indian Missions (supplemented by an address of Mr. Samuel Miller, a Lutheran Indian of the Red Springs congregation) were as follows:—

We have conferred with the representative of the Indian Missions, have verified the statements made in the unprinted overture, and, with the approval of the Board, make the following recommendations:—

A. Red Springs, Wis.

1. That the present dormitory be enlarged by adding a second story and that Synod grant for this purpose \$15,000;
2. That Synod grant for changes in the heating and plumbing system \$11,000;
3. To grant \$1,000 to enlarge the school;
4. For equipment of the enlarged dormitory \$1,200;
5. That Synod instruct the Board for Indian Missions to call a permanent teacher and allow up to \$5,000 for a teacher's dwelling;
6. To instruct the Board to call a second missionary to this field.

B. Oneida, Wis.

1. We recommend that \$1,500 be granted for enlarging the present parsonage.
2. Your Committee does not recommend the erection of a church at Oneida at this time.

C. Quinney, Wis.

We recommend that the Board for Indian Mission be instructed to continue mission-work at Quinney.

D. Tomah, Wis.

Your Committee recommends that the mission board be instructed to call a missionary for Tomah. Since the work at this place can be combined with a small mission of the Southern Wisconsin District, the mission-board of this District has agreed to bear half of the expense.

E. Sherman Institute, Arlington, Cal.

We recommend —

1. That our Board for Indian Missions be encouraged to continue the work in Southern California and that \$125 per annum be allowed for this work;

2. That our Board of Directors be empowered to allow the necessary funds if the erection of a chapel becomes absolutely necessary.

F. Yakima Reservation.

We recommend that \$2,500 be granted for the proposed mission on the Yakima Reservation.

G. Survey among the Indians.

We recommend that Synod instruct its Board for Indian Missions to make a survey among the Indians of the United States and Canada with a view of expanding the work among the natives of these countries and that the amount of money necessary for this work be left to the discretion of the Board of Directors.

We further recommend that the sum of \$22,900 per annum asked for by the Board be granted. If the dormitory is enlarged, the salary for a teacher and for board of children must be provided for. This would involve a sum of \$2,300.

These recommendations were *adopted*, with the following changes: —

1. Instead of B, 2 it was decided to build a chapel at Oneida.
2. All building operations of the Indian Mission Board are to be placed under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

Jewish Mission.

(Report of Board.)

Two new departures in this enterprise of Synod are to be noted. Since November 1, 1926, Mrs. Bertha Ritter, a convert secured through your Jewish Mission in this city, has been employed as helper. From the subjoined report it appears that she has labored with truly admirable diligence and exemplary faithfulness. The

second innovation to be recorded is a Yiddish Mission pamphlet, *Sche-erith Isroel*, written by your missionary, Pastor N. Friedmann. Four issues of this pamphlet have been printed to date. One member of the Board, Mr. John Burmeister of St. Mark's Church, has been called to our eternal home. The vacancy occasioned by his recent departure has not been filled.

Your Board found it necessary to add \$25 monthly to the salaries of both Missionary Friedmann and Mrs. Bertha Ritter.

Your Board recommends the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved that the work of Jewish Mission be carried on from the same quarters which have served for this work for the past twenty years.

Resolved that no action be taken with reference to the publication of an English pamphlet in behalf of Jewish Mission.

Resolved that several students in our seminaries prepare themselves specially for the work of mission among the Jews, since Missionary Friedmann is the only man employed in this field.

Resolved to commence mission-work among the Jews in other large cities of our country.

Summary of work done. — *Missionary N. Friedmann*, April 1926 to April 1929: 1. 150 sermons were preached before a total of 2696 persons, 8 sermons and 33 lectures were delivered in behalf of Jewish Mission. — 2. 1367 Jewish families were visited; 1142 mission interviews were held in Jewish homes. — 3. 1415 Jews interviewed the missionary either in the chapel or at his home. — 4. 402 New Testaments, 598 Catechisms, 267 tracts, 3220 copies of *Sche-erith Isroel* were distributed gratis. — 5. 482 New Testaments were sold to Jews, 418 loaned on deposit of the purchase price of the book. — *Mrs. Bertha Ritter*, November 1926 to April 1929: 1. Called on 10,308 Jewish families; gained admission with 2104; induced 95 families to grant Pastor Friedmann a hearing in their homes. — 2. Delivered one lecture in behalf of Jewish Mission. — 3. Distributed gratis 264 tracts, 1287 Catechisms, 7057 copies of *Sche-erith Isroel*.

The Guide of Israel bless the work of mission among the Jews!

Furthermore, President R. Kretzschmar had submitted the following overture concerning a *Jewish mission in St. Louis*: —

The Synod is respectfully requested to instruct its Board for Jewish Missions to open a mission in St. Louis if conditions are found auspicious.

St. Louis has a large Jewish population, among which so far very little mission-work has been done by Christian denominations. Some Jewish converts are found in various Lutheran churches of this city. Several years ago a very prominent newspaper man, Mr. Alexander Schaap, became a faithful member here of one of

our churches. In his last serious illness he earnestly prayed that before his departure God would give him an opportunity to bear testimony among his people to urge them to accept Jesus as the true Messiah promised of old. To the great surprise of his physicians he rallied from his sickness for a period, and just then it happened that the editor of the *Modern View*, the leading Jewish periodical in this section of our country, asked him to write a public statement as to why he had accepted the Christian religion. God gave Mr. Schaap strength to write a bold, clear, and convincing declaration, which was printed in full and reprinted in other papers and in tract form. It caused a great stir among the Jews in St. Louis and at that time directed their attention to our Church, of which Mr. Schaap was an active member, and once more when, shortly afterwards, he was given an honorable Christian burial by this church. Our churches in St. Louis are carrying their messages also to Jews by various activities: city missions, charities, noonday Lenten services, extensive publicity work, etc., and the "Gospel Voice," KFUE, is regularly heard in many Jewish homes. All this would give a missionary in St. Louis among that people many points of favorable contact. Our Seminary, too, would render such a mission valuable help.

This overture was endorsed by the "One-day Conference of St. Louis and Vicinity" on April 8, 1929, by unanimous resolution.

Concerning these matters Committee No. 10 made the following recommendations:—

1. That the work of the Jewish Mission in New York be carried on from the same quarters which have served for this work for the past twenty years.
2. To authorize the Board for Jewish Mission to publish in behalf of the mission among Jews a pamphlet or several pamphlets in the English language, Synod allowing for this purpose \$200.
3. That Synod instruct its Board for Jewish Mission to open a mission in St. Louis if conditions are found auspicious.
4. That the Board for Jewish Mission be granted permission to open a mission also in Chicago in the coming triennium should conditions be auspicious.
5. That the annual expenditures allowed for each of these new missions be not in excess of two thousand five hundred dollars.
6. That the faculty of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis be requested to provide a short course of training in mission-work among Jews for students or pastors that eventually will be engaged in such work should a demand for such course arise.

The first five recommendations of the committee were *adopted*, while point 6 was *rejected*.

Finnish Evangelical Lutheran National Church of North America.

At the last Synod it had been reported that negotiations looking toward an amalgamation of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran National Church of North America and the Missouri Synod had been broken off. This did not disturb the good relations existing between the two church-bodies. Our standing committee in this matter, consisting of President F. Pfothenauer, Dr. W. Dau, and President H. Daib, kept in touch with the Finnish Church and individual members of that body. Since these friendly relations are rather increasing than decreasing, it was recommended to continue a committee in this matter on our part.

The Finnish Church is suffering under the lack of pastors and funds to carry on its great mission-work in this country. Thus, the congregation in Detroit, with its great mission opportunities, can be served only about every six weeks by a pastor in Northern Wisconsin. It seems to be hard to get Finnish young men to study for the ministry, although our colleges are open to them. To help them financially, our Finnish Committee might be given the authority to support Finnish pastors, if necessary, for which purpose about \$1,200 might be placed at the disposal of our committee, to be used according to their judgment and under their direction.

Finally the standing committee called attention to the valuable services rendered by Pastor R. Herrmann, of Lidderdale, Iowa, by his reports taken from Finnish papers and by his translations.

The following recommendations of Committee No. 11 regarding this matter were adopted by Synod:—

1. That the present Finnish Committee be continued;
2. That the sum of \$1,200 per annum requested by the Committee be granted;
3. That a vote of thanks be extended to the Rev. R. Herrmann for his reports from Finnish newspapers and translations of articles for the committee.

Missions to the Deaf and Blind.

The total number of missionaries working under the direction of the board is 19. They are located at the following centers: New York City, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, St. Louis, Omaha, Kansas City, Seattle, Portland, Spokane, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Rev. W. Gielow, director of the Ev. Luth. Deaf-mute Institute at Detroit, assists in serving the Detroit field. The above 18 men are missionaries to the deaf-mute. In addition, Rev. A. H. Kuntz is working under the direction of the board as missionary to the blind and is editor of the *Lutheran Messenger for the Blind*.

The deaf-mute missionaries are preaching in 143 places in the United States and Canada. Five of the stations, Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Seattle, and St. Paul, have their own chapels and parsonages. Portland and Spokane have chapels. Building operations ought soon to begin in Detroit, New York City, and Omaha.

The principal developments of the past three years are as follows: The entire Pacific Coast has been covered. Men have been placed in Los Angeles and San Francisco, and these two, with the men in Portland, Seattle, and Spokane, adequately cover that entire section of the United States for a long time to come. There is very little competition from other denominations in that part of the country, and the work is progressing smoothly. Pittsburgh received a full-time man, and after the resignation of the missionary in Milwaukee a new man was placed into that field. The Duluth missionary considerably extended his work in Canada, now covering in two yearly trips the immense territory from Winnipeg west almost to the Pacific Coast.

The "mail mission" has been considerably extended. Many of the deaf live in widely scattered places and can be reached by the missionaries only seldom. Contact is kept by mail and by the sending of the *Deaf Lutheran*. Since January, 1929, the *Deaf Lutheran* is sent to every communicant member of the missions and to many good prospects. These are urged to pay the regular subscription. If they cannot do so, the paper is sent free of charge.

Our budget requirements have increased regularly from year to year and the Board of Directors of Synod has granted our requests cheerfully in full. That is especially true of our mission to the blind. Synod provided for this purpose at the convention in 1926 a sum which proved totally inadequate. This has been increased to \$6,000 for the current year. Our total allowance, exclusive of the building-fund, for 1929 is \$50,500. For 1930 we are asking for \$55,450, not including the building-fund.

Our greatest need at the present time is an increased building-fund. At the 1926 convention we were granted an annual building-fund appropriation of \$5,000. However, as this sum was placed into "Exhibit B," we only received the amount which actually had been collected, which for 1927 amounted to little over \$3,000 and for 1928 a little less than \$2,000, a totally inadequate sum to carry out the necessary building projects.

There are several of our missions badly in need of chapels. Foremost among them is *Detroit*, which has suffered greatly because of lack of a chapel and yet would have a fine future if a building could be provided. *New York* also as well as *Omaha* ought to be given every possible support in their attempts to secure chapels.

Actually parsonages also ought to be purchased or built. This would be a great saving for Synod, as at present much money is used for rent, which otherwise would be saved. Our board is asking for a yearly appropriation of \$10,000 for the next three years for building purpose and that this sum be placed into that part of the budget which is paid in full.

One of the most gratifying developments of our work is the mission among the blind, which has developed in a most unexpected way and which has had the visible blessing of God resting upon it. May I refer you to the two-column article by Pastor Kuntz in the *Lutheran Witness* of June 11 for an up-to-date report of the work in Braille. You will see from that report not only the large proportions which it has taken on, but also the blessing resting upon this particular mission endeavor of our Church.

But the work in Braille is not the only work that is being done for the blind. As this report by Pastor Kuntz indicates, our board has also undertaken the publication of a quarterly in Moon type. This is now being published in 300 copies and, like the *Messenger*, is going all over the world. The board is also planning to publish a pamphlet which we have secured in Germany. This is to be a sort of feeler, to see whether a regular publication in German Braille would meet the needs in that country. There is at present no periodical of a conservatively Christian nature for the blind in Germany. That is another large field for our work among the blind. The budget requirements for the mission among the blind will undoubtedly increase regularly from year to year, and as our requests for this particular work have in the past been very cheerfully granted, we have no doubt that the expansion of this mission will meet the whole-hearted support of Synod.

We are also planning, if the funds and men are available, to extend farther the mission among the deaf. The fields into which men ought to be placed in the near future are Texas and the South-eastern States. That would take two additional men. Our missionary who is working in Canada is urgently requesting our board to place a full-time man into the provinces from Winnipeg west. That would require, in addition to salary and rent, perhaps \$1,000 in traveling expenses, at least the first year, somewhat less the succeeding years. Iowa, which is now being served by the missionaries in St. Paul and Omaha, ought soon to have a full-time man.

Committee No. 10 brought in the following *resolutions* concerning these missions: —

1. That these missions be allowed \$55,450 annually for current expenses, as requested by their board.
2. That the Mission to Deaf and Blind be allowed \$10,000 annually for building purposes.

3. That Synod's Church Extension Board loan the money for the buildings needed in Detroit, New York, and Omaha to the building fund of the Deaf-mute Missions and that the Church Extension Board give the requests for these projects preferred consideration.

These recommendations of the committee were *adopted* by Synod, with the proviso that the question under point 3 be referred to the Board of Directors for decision.

Our Colored Missions.

(Report of the Board.)

Looking back on the work of the Lord among the Freedmen during the past triennium, we have every reason to render thanks to Him for the faithful missionaries, both white and black, whom He has given us and for the abundant blessings which He has bestowed upon the labors of their hands. The number of white missionaries is gradually decreasing, while the staff of colored laborers is gradually growing. Upon the whole, the colored missionaries are making good. We have reason to be satisfied and to thank God.

Every year hundreds upon hundreds of such Negroes as are to be saved are added to our Church. During the past three years the net increase in membership has been 27 per cent. This growth will appear all the more surprising when it is compared with the growth of one of the white synods belonging to the Synodical Conference. Take the growth of our own Synod, which has been about 7 per cent. during the same period of time. Accordingly, the increase of our Colored Missions has been about four times greater. God be praised for this signal and marvelous token of His grace and blessing! May this grace and blessing spur us on to greater activity in this blessed work of rescuing the sons of Ham, who are, as it were, lying at our door!

Our missionaries are at work in fourteen States: Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, and California. In these States more than twenty-five thousand Negroes are weekly brought in contact with God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure. The largest mission-fields are in Louisiana, Alabama, and North Carolina. In Alabama the expansion of the field has been marvelous.

Calls to begin work in large cities in the North which have experienced a large Negro influx from the South during the past five to ten years are multiplying. The Mission Board advises and requests the pastors of these cities to undertake and try out the work. In the event the trial is successful, the Mission Board will cooperate or take over the work entirely. Work in large cities is expensive. It

takes from \$15,000 to \$25,000 to get a plant. Two years ago about \$23,000 was spent for a new chapel in St. Louis. It was dedicated in May, 1927. The congregation has grown at a rapid pace. Attendance at both morning and evening services is so good that ere long an addition will have to be built. In Chicago the situation is similar.

The need of more and better buildings was clearly seen by the delegates at the convention of the Synodical Conference in Omaha last August. They adopted a building program calling for \$218,500. If our Christians could see the miserable shacks in which our missionaries must conduct services and school year after year, they would "swamp" the treasurer with gifts for these needed buildings.

The running expenses of our Colored Missions call for \$150,000 a year. About 85 per cent. of this amount comes from our Synod, most of the remaining 15 per cent. is contributed by the Wisconsin Synod. We are pleased to state here and at this time that the brethren of the Wisconsin Synod are doing their full share, contributing as much per communicant member as we of the Missouri Synod.

What are our colored Christians doing to support the work? It is well known that they are poor in this world's goods. Their contributions for the Lord's work among their own people are often real sacrifices. A washerwoman will contribute a dollar a week for her church. A special collection was to be taken up at a certain place on a certain Sunday. Old "Aunt" Maria was anxious to give, but not a penny was to be found in her old log cabin. What did she do? Why, she told her Father in heaven about it. He who looks at the heart and not at the color of a person's skin heard the prayer of His poor child and caused her to find work. She earned a dollar. When she had the dollar in her hand, she joyfully exclaimed: "Lord, I's got it, I's got it! Lord, I's got it!" That dollar—every cent of it—was given to the Lord again the following Sunday when the offerings were gathered.—Ten years ago about \$9,800 was received from the entire mission-field; last year the total receipts were approximately \$40,000. Our colored Christians are learning better and better the grace of giving. Still there is room for improvement in places. Therefore the Mission Board has adopted a budget system for all congregations and preaching-places, which will go into effect the beginning of next year. May God be pleased to bless this plan!

It may not be amiss to mention that our Board for Colored Missions, seeing the financial situation prevailing in our Synod, did its bit to prevent the deficit from growing larger in that it did not request an increase of a single dollar during the past years. Seeing opportunities for expansion, the Board hopes and prays for an improvement in the financial situation in our Synod.

We thank the Hon. Synod for the faithful support of the work among the Negroes of the Southland and confidently look forward to a continuance of such support.

Concerning the needs of the Missions among the Colored, it was *resolved*, on recommendation of Committee No. 11:—

That Synod express its joy at the blessed progress of the work among the Negroes;

That the sum of \$132,000 which the Board of Colored Missions has requested for 1930 be granted.

The Synodical Conference, at its last session at Omaha, Nebr., accepted a building program of \$218,500. Our quota is about 85 per cent. of this. Part of the building program has to be carried out at once with borrowed money. Every effort is to be made to raise our quota as soon as possible.

The pastors and congregations in our large Northern cities, with thousands of colored people migrating into them from the South, are requested to consider what could be done by them to bring the Gospel to these people, who are like poor Lazarus lying at their door.

Foreign Missions.

(Extract from the Report of the Board.)

Our missionaries have faithfully attended to their difficult, but glorious work in India and China, and their preaching has not been in vain. Our work in India has expanded as far as the limited amount of missionaries and moneys has permitted. Especially the mission among the Ezhavas (Iravas) has been expanded. On account of the civil war in China our work in that country almost came to a standstill. Under God's protecting care none of our workers suffered any bodily harm. Many of our Chinese Christians have remained faithful, their faith being purified in the fire of adversity. Not one of our stations was entirely lost to us. All stations, with one exception, have again been visited by our missionaries and are being served with the Word and Sacraments as far as possible.

At the end of 1928 we had 38 white missionaries in India, besides one teacher, one lady teacher, and three nurses. Our Mission in India now has three native pastors, nine evangelists, and 54 catechists, besides a number of other workers. In our medical mission we have two native doctors, one of whom is a Lutheran, also two native nurses. Our missionaries in India are working in 356 cities and villages, serving 10,383 souls. The number of baptized members is 5,769, communicant members 1,446, while 4,614 are being instructed for baptism and confirmation. In 1928, 308 heathen were baptized. There were 4,111 pupils in 84 schools, including boarding-schools. There were 30 students enrolled in our Concordia Seminary

at Nagercoil, while a number of catechists and teachers were receiving special instruction at various stations. The value of our property in India is estimated at \$130,125. Nevertheless a number of buildings had to be rented. All this shows how God has granted our work in India splendid success during the last three years.

Owing to the civil war in China, no such progress can be reported in this country. The only station which was continually served by at least one missionary is Hankow. At the end of 1928 we had nine missionaries, two lady teachers, and two nurses in this mission. The number of native Christians is about 500. There are seven native evangelists, 4 chapel attendants, and two Bible women. The number of chapels is 11, and of the reading-rooms, 4. In Hankow we have eleven primary schools and a proseminary with eight students. Our Concordia Seminary in Hankow could not be reopened as yet. At all our stations in China, except Kweifu, we now have some property, estimated to be worth \$73,250. We must still pay out considerable money for rent.

The number of our missionaries in China is four less than in 1926, owing partly to sickness and the civil war, but also to the fact that the so-called "term question," a difference of opinion regarding the proper name for God in the Chinese language, caused several missionaries to retire from service.

Of the \$343,300 appropriated in 1926 for buildings in foreign mission-fields \$202,900 were intended for China and \$140,400 for India. On account of the war conditions the appropriation for China was not used. For India only \$54,074 were expended, \$86,326 less than appropriated. The Board of Directors has recently set aside an additional sum of \$39,525 for land and buildings in India. The Board hopes that Synod will make the remaining \$46,801 of the former appropriation available for this year. During the next triennium building operations in India will require at least \$112,683 and in China \$125,000.

Our buildings in China have been damaged considerably during the war. The Board of Directors has already appropriated \$5,110.24 for the most necessary repairs and \$3,409.62 to cover the personal losses of the missionaries, at least in part.

Our expenses have not exceeded the budget appropriations. We have made an earnest effort, so far without success, to gain for this work pastors who have already had experience in the ministry. We have also been unable to secure a Lutheran medical missionary, but hope to send a candidate who is being trained for the medical mission to India within a year or two. We are also in touch with two other young doctors, whom we hope to gain for this work.

The Board for Foreign Missions, together with the Board of

Directors and the St. Louis faculty, was ordered by the last Synod to make the necessary preparations for the specific training of missionary workers in foreign fields. Your Board therefore held several meetings with the other boards to consider this matter. It was agreed (1) that it is desirable that our missionaries who are going into foreign fields should remain here another year to prepare themselves for their work; (2) that for this purpose a mission department shall be arranged in the St. Louis Seminary as an experiment; (3) that this would require an additional teacher at the Seminary. It was decided to ask Synod to add such a professor to the faculty at St. Louis, who could also be used for other lectures, even as other professors might serve in the mission department. We herewith ask Synod to grant this request.

In this connection the above-mentioned three boards also considered the training of our woman workers and the future wives of our missionaries. The following plan was agreed upon: 1) A course shall be arranged for the brides of our future missionaries and for the nurses, teachers, and deaconesses who intend to enter the foreign mission field, this course to extend over a year or more. 2) Doctor Pieper's former residence is to be placed at the disposal of the Foreign Mission Board for this purpose. 3) Doctor Dau's former residence shall also be placed at the disposal of the missionboard as the residence for the director of Foreign Missions or some other person who will have the supervision of the training of woman workers. These recommendations also are submitted to Synod for ratification.

Your Board was asked by the last Synod to consider, together with the brethren on the Pacific coast, whether mission-work could be started among the Asiatics of the Western coast. Careful investigation has shown that there are great opportunities for such mission-work, which, however, would be very expensive. We hope that Synod will undertake this work. In this connection we found that there are many Mexicans in the Western part of our country who are spiritually neglected.

It should be mentioned that during the past three years our field in China has been visited, but not that of India. The intention is to have the India mission-field visited in the near future, where difficult questions and problems must be considered and decided.

The work connected with the guidance of our foreign missions has grown considerably, causing the Board and its esteemed director much labor. In 1927 it was necessary to hold 47, and in 1928, 38 meetings, besides the meetings of the plenary sessions.

As in former years, so also in the past triennium our sister synods in the Synodical Conference and the brethren in Australia and Europe have supported our mission-work with their gifts and prayers. We recommend that Synod extend to them a vote of thanks.

The matter concerning a department of missions was brought before Synod also in Overture 131. (Cf. *Reports and Memorials*, page 67 f.)

Furthermore the Mission Board of the Synodical Conference had submitted the following overture:—

Mission in Africa.

The Ev. Luth. Synodical Conference of North America, of which our Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States is a member, adopted a resolution at the convention held in Omaha, Nebr., August 8 to 13, 1928, instructing its Mission Board to submit the important question of *opening a mission in Africa* to the various synods belonging to the Synodical Conference. This resolution is hereby being carried out as regards our Missouri Synod.

The wish and purpose to carry God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure to the benighted pagans in Africa originated with the Christians of our Colored Lutheran Missions. This wish and purpose is a natural fruit of the preaching of the Gospel which our Synod, together with the other synods of the Synodical Conference, has been doing among the colored people of our country for half a century. At the General Conference in 1925 the delegates of our colored congregations unanimately requested the Mission Board to submit to the Synodical Conference their earnest wish and desire to begin mission-work in Africa. To show the sincerity of their wish, they collected about \$4,000 for the work of investigation and exploration. The Synodical Conference, at its convention at Lockport, N. Y., was pleased to hear the request of our colored fellow-Lutherans and instructed its Mission Board to gather information for the proposed missionary enterprise in the Dark Continent. This was done, and a report was made at the Omaha convention.

In view of the importance of the proposed mission and also in view of the fact that the plan was not sufficiently known within the synods composing the Synodical Conference, the latter body resolved to submit this matter to the various synods, requesting their answer in time for the next convention, in 1930.

As stated before, the plan to carry the light of the Gospel into the Dark Continent originated with our colored Christians. They would like to have their brethren after the flesh over there hear the glad sound of the Gospel of Christ, the Savior of mankind, and to be made happy here and hereafter. However, they are not strong enough to undertake the task themselves. They now number 6,006 souls, or baptized members. They have also given about \$4,000 for the undertaking. But knowing that they are not able to carry the burden alone, they come to their white fellow-Lutherans with the plea and petition to send messengers of the Gospel to the land of their fathers, promis-

ing to help to the extent of their ability, both with their gifts of money and men and with their prayers.

The estimated population of Africa is between 135 and 185 million. Of these, about 48 million are Mohammedans. The Christian population, including the Abyssinians and Copts, is about 10 million. That, according to the lowest estimate, leaves about 80 million heathen. More than half of these, or about 50 million, have been absolutely untouched by Christian missions. Their misery cries to us for help.

Again, the Mohammedan peril is growing from year to year. Unless the Church of Christ awakes and sends more missionaries to Central Africa, the time will not be far distant when the millions now pagan will follow the green flag of the false Prophet. Five hundred more missionaries are needed *now*. Have we no duty here to send at least a *few*?

Again, the Lord has abundantly blessed the Synodical Conference. We now have more than 1,345,000 souls. But in spite of this large number we have not sent a single messenger of the Gospel to Africa. From Cairo to the Cape, from Cape Verde on the west to Cape Guardafui on the east coast, there is not a single spot where we have raised the banner of God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure.

David, the sweet singer of Israel, said: "Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God." Ps. 68, 31. Here is a promise concerning the conversion of the inhabitants of Ethiopia. Surely we wish to have a part in this blessed work.

Do the Africans want us? The idea that the heathen are standing on tiptoe, waiting for the Christian missionary to come, is generally wrong. But hear what a Lutheran missionary says who traveled through the Chari-Chad country in Central Africa several years ago. An African chief offered him 1,000 francs for a New Testament in the language which he could read. At another place the chief of the city met him at the city gate, saying: "I and my people have been looking down this road five years, waiting for a man to come and tell us how to talk to Allah."

The Cost. — In the kingdom of God, money is not the "big gun." In the kingdom of God the deciding question for us is: "What is the will of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ?" His will is: "Go ye into *all* the world and preach the Gospel to *every* creature." He has nowhere permitted us to stay out of that part of the world called Africa.

The work should, of course, be begun in a modest way. Two explorers should be sent to Africa. There are four prospective fields which the prospectors might visit: 1. the country between the Chari and the Logone (French Equatorial Africa); 2. Liberia; 3. the Belgian Congo; 4. the country of the Galangue in Angola (Portuguese). The passage from New York to Liberia is \$235.

The plan is to send two missionaries, a white man and a colored man. A building for each and a combination chapel-school would cost approximately \$10,000. In case a medical mission were to be connected with the station, this would call for an additional \$10,000.

The support of the mission would be defrayed proportionately by the various synods, just as it is being done in our Negro Missions. The proportion of the Missouri Synod would be 85 per cent.

May the Lord graciously use us unworthy people as instruments in bringing about the fulfilment of His promise:—

"Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God!"

Resolved, That our Synod hereby express its hearty interest in the movement to carry the Gospel of Christ, the Savior of mankind, to the heathen in Africa and that it pledge to Synodical Conference its proportionate share of financial support.

An unprinted memorial advocated a plan for systematic mission education in all congregations in Synod. This was looked into by the committee.

The committee also considered letters from our Australian brethren and a committee report submitted to the Synod of Australia, asking that Synod cooperate with them in establishing mission-work in the Dutch East Indies and that a representative of Synod be sent to Australia to strengthen the bonds of Christian unity and fellowship between their synod and ours, which representative could at the same time confer with them about the establishment of such a mission, which would be conducted jointly by the two church-bodies.

Concerning these matters the following report of Committee No. 12 was submitted to Synod:—

Your Committee on Foreign Missions, charged with the consideration of Overtures 131, 307, 312, and 13 (unprinted) and a petition of the brethren in Australia, recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. We note with joy and gratitude to the Lord that the work of our Foreign Missions has prospered and expanded in India and in China, and we pray that the Lord may graciously remove all obstacles to the future expansion of the work, especially the difficulties that have arisen in China in consequence of political disturbances.

2. We express our appreciation of the interest shown also by sister synods, by societies, and individuals in the work of our Foreign Missions, and we hope and pray that love toward the Savior may move all friends and patrons of our Foreign Missions to continue and increase their activities in behalf of the glorious cause of spreading the Gospel of salvation among the heathen, and we extend a vote of sincere thanks to the director of our Foreign Missions, Dr. F. Brand,

and to the members of the Mission Board for their faithful and unselfish labors.

3. We recommend that Synod encourage our missionaries in the foreign field to continue in their blessed labors and assure them of continued interest and prayerful support and that this resolution be transmitted by the secretary of Synod to the conferences of our missionaries in India and China.

4. We recommend that the Board of Directors be asked to reimburse in full the missionaries in China for loss of personal property sustained by them in the disturbances attendant upon the recent civil war.

5. We recommend that Synod recognize in the death of Missionary E. L. Arndt, its pioneer missionary in China, the loss of a faithful servant of the Lord.

6. We recommend that the director of missions, Missionary Heckel, of India, and Missionary Zschiegner, of China, be given an opportunity to address the convention and that Synod set aside a total of thirty minutes for their addresses, the President to fix the time.

7. We recommend that Synod encourage the Board of Foreign Missions to continue in its efforts to induce men of maturer years to enter the foreign missionfield and also to enlist the services of physicians as medical missionaries.

8. We recommend that for the year 1930 the sum of \$283,903.50 be appropriated for current expenses of the Board of Foreign Missions.

9. We recommend that for the coming triennium the sum of \$79,228 annually be appropriated for the building program in India and China.

10. We recommend a) that a department of missions be established in Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, as soon as in the opinion of the Faculty, the Board of Control, and the Board of Foreign Missions it seems possible and advisable; b) that because of the increased work that will be entailed by the creation of this department another member be added to the faculty at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

11. We recommend that the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to make provision, as soon as in the opinion of the Board such provision seems expedient, for the training of brides of future missionaries and woman workers in our Foreign Missions and that the Board of Directors be authorized to place, if necessary, the former residences of Dr. F. Pieper and Dr. W. Dau at the disposal of the Board.

12. We recommend that the Districts on the Pacific Coast be encouraged to study the possibilities of doing mission-work among the Asiatics living in their territories, especially the children.

13. We recommend that Synod encourage local conferences in cooperation with the Board of Foreign-tongue Missions to look into the possibilities of establishing missions among the Mexicans living in our country, especially in the larger cities.

14. We recommend that the proposal to institute systematic missionary education in all congregations of Synod be referred to the publicity department of the Fiscal Office for consideration and study.

15. With respect to the appeal of the Synodical Conference for action with a view to the establishment of a mission in Africa we recommend a) that we encourage the Synodical Conference to apply the sum of \$4,000 collected for the purpose by the colored members of the Synodical Conference to an exploration of the missionary possibilities in Africa; b) that further action be deferred until a report has been received from the committee of exploration.

16. We recommend that the petition coming from our brethren in Australia that Synod cooperate with them in the establishment of a mission in the Dutch East Indies be referred to the representative whom Synod is expected to delegate to visit the Australian brethren; that this representative be instructed to confer with them in the matter of establishing a mission and report his findings to the next convention of Synod; and that, in the event that no representative of Synod visits Australia, this petition be referred to the President of Synod and the Board of Foreign Missions.

In the course of the deliberation on these matters Director Brand and Missionaries Heckel and Zschiegner were given an opportunity to speak on Foreign Missions.

Synod *adopted* all the above recommendations.

Missions in Europe.

1. The "Freikirche" (Free Church) in Germany.

The officials of the *Freikirche* in Germany had submitted their report and requests to the Mission Board in New York and thanked Synod heartily for the support of their work. The number of souls served by the Free Church has increased from 9,846 in 1924 to 11,923 in 1928 and the number of pastors from 44 to 58, new workers being furnished by the theological school at Zehlendorf. The contributions on the part of the members have increased considerably. The influence of the work of the *Freikirche* is making itself felt in large circles, and its mission-work has borne such fruit that the pure Gospel is now preached at 144 stations.

The plea was made that the former subsidy of \$43,600 be continued and enough added to this sum for the necessary expansion of the work besides \$4,000 for the theological school at Zehlendorf.

2. The "Freie Ev.-Luth. Kirche" in Finland.

This independent Church was organized in 1928 in a country which as early as 1527 accepted the principles of the Reformation. For centuries the state church had been nominally Lutheran, but it became more and more unionistic and liberal. Since 1840 definite efforts have been made to preserve the pure Lutheran doctrine. Beginning with 1923, a number of pastors and congregations left the state church, keeping in close touch with the Missouri Synod. In spite of dissensions and divisions their number increased to 418 souls and 247 communicants at the end of 1928, in seven parishes, including 46 stations. This Finnish Church is publishing two church-papers, while some of our literature has been translated into Finnish. They are still without churches and parsonages.

3. The "Freikirche" in Alsace.

Because of political conditions the free churches in Alsace had to organize a separate synod, which has been receiving about \$3,500 annually. Since the work has been extended to Paris, the expenses will increase. An additional sum will be required for traveling expenses for some of our pastors, who may have to leave the country, since according to an old law all foreign pastors have been forbidden to speak in public.

4. Esthonia.

In Esthonia the Board for Missions in Europe has been helping a faithful Lutheran congregation at Arensburg on the Oesel Island, while the Church Extension Board has granted them a loan to secure a church property. Further support of the congregation will be necessary, and similar cases must be taken care of.

Action regarding these four reports was as follows, pursuant to the report of Committee No. 13, which was adopted:—

1. The "Freikirche" in Germany.

"a. The *Freikirche* in Germany has received from us an annual subsidy of \$43,600. In order to extend their missionary activities, our brethren in Europe are requesting a subsidy of \$50,000 annually. Correspondence submitted to us indicates that new opportunities for mission-work have been found in Memel and other parts of Lithuania. We recommend that a grant of \$50,000 per annum be given to the *Freikirche*, with the understanding that \$2,000 of this amount be devoted to mission-work in Memel and Lithuania.

"b. We furthermore recommend that the *Freikirche* approach the General Church Extension Board for a loan of \$10,000 for a church-building in Memel, and we request our General Church Extension Board to grant said loan if possible.

"c. The *Theologische Hochschule* at Zehlendorf has been receiving a subsidy of \$4,000 per annum.

"We recommend that this subsidy be continued. The Freikirche Aid Society, which has been taking care of the overhead expense of the institution at Zehlendorf, will continue to support this institution in the future as it has done in the past.

2. The "Freie Ev.-Luth. Kirche" in Finland.

"We recommend that an annual grant of \$2,875 be given to the *Freie Ev.-Luth. Kirche* in Finland.

3. "Elsaessische Freikirche."

"We recommend that a subsidy of \$3,520 annually be given to the *Elsaessische Freikirche*; and

"We further recommend that an additional amount of \$1,500 be placed at the disposal of our brethren in Alsace in order to take care of expenses in connection with a probable change of ministry.

4. Esthonia.

"In Esthonia the congregation at Arensburg is receiving a small subsidy. The Board for European Missions urgently requests an allowance of \$3,000 to take care of this item and such other emergencies as may arise during the next triennium. We recommend that Synod grant this amount."

Ev. Luth. Church in Australia.

Sending of a Representative of Synod to Australia.

The brethren of the Ev. Luth. Church in Australia had sent a request to the Ven. President of Synod to the effect that a representative of Synod be sent to them to strengthen the bond of Christian unity between the two church-bodies, as well as to further the cause of our common work.

Upon recommendation of Committee No. 13 the following resolution was adopted by Synod:—

"During the past twenty-eight years our Synod has not sent an official representative to our brethren in Australia. Now,—

"WHEREAS, A request from the Ev. Luth. Synod in Australia to pay them an official visit has reached us; and

"WHEREAS, An official representative of our Synod could do much toward strengthening the close relationship existing between us and the brethren in Australia; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we recommend to Synod—

"a) That an official representative of our Synod, who is to be designated by the Board of Directors and the faculty in St. Louis, be sent to Australia;

"b) That we pay the traveling expenses of said representative to Australia and return;

"c) That the brethren in Australia be asked to absorb the expenses of our representative while in their country."

IV. CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS.

Intersynodical Matters.

Extract from the Intersynodical Committee Report.

At the outset we would mention the fact that the vacancy in the committee was filled by the election of Prof. Theo. Engelder. Our work was prescribed to us in the report of the Examining Committee for Intersynodical Theses appointed in 1923, which recommended certain changes in the theses of 1925. Conferences were again resumed with the representatives of Iowa, Ohio, and Buffalo synods, at which our sister Synod of Wisconsin was also represented. The recommendations of the Examining Committee were discussed and in many instances adopted. Failure to adopt some of the proposed changes was not due to any differences in doctrine between the colloquents, but to the fact that most of the colloquents considered the proposals liable to misunderstandings or superfluous. Important additions were also made. A longer passage was introduced into the theses concerning the so-called election in view of faith for the purpose of showing that the doctrine covered by that expression is not equivalent to the doctrine of election presented in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. The passage on Chiliasm was also intensified by an important addition.

The theses are before Synod for adoption or rejection. We consider the question whether the theses can be adopted to be distinct from the question whether we can enter into fraternal relations with the synods with which we have been conferring. The latter is at present excluded by the connections into which, sad to say, these synods have entered and the fraternal relations which they maintain with Lutherans who are not faithful to the confessions. The theses are a matter by themselves, and Synod ought to take action on them.

Extract from the Report of the Examining Committee for Intersynodical Theses.

After careful examination of the revised theses of August, 1928, your Committee finds itself compelled to advise Synod to reject these theses as a possible basis for union with the synods of Ohio, Iowa, and Buffalo, since all chapters and a number of paragraphs are inadequate. At times they do not touch upon the point of controversy; at times they are so phrased that both parties can find in them their own opinion; at times they incline more to the position of our opponents than to our own.

The revision made in St. Paul has not improved the theses. Although most of the exceptions made by your Committee touched upon vital points, the great majority of them were not considered.

The chapter which suffered the greatest change by insertion of the declaration on *intuitu fidei finalis* is now less clear than it was before. Much in the theses is not sufficiently simple to be understood by laymen — an unconditional necessity in confessional theses.

The chief criticisms of your Committee are that in the "Short Presentation," etc., and under "C" the Scriptural doctrine of the universal will of grace is not clearly separated from the doctrine of election by grace. One gains the impression that election is included in the universal will of grace and concerns persons only in so far as it decrees that those shall enter heaven who, according to the foreknowledge of God, already believe. Everywhere one misses the clear statement that in Christ Jesus, God elected unto faith, unto sonship, unto perseverance, and unto salvation certain persons who are known to Him alone.

We must furthermore criticize the fact that neither in the "Short Presentation," etc., nor under "A" the distinction between natural and malicious resistance was ruled out. At the end of "B" one misses the unqualified declaration that election is not the application of the universal will of grace to those who are saved, but something entirely different from the universal will of grace, to wit, a special act of God, consisting in the election of certain persons unto faith, unto sonship, unto perseverance, and unto salvation. The attempt, in the declaration concerning *intuitu fidei finalis*, to distinguish clearly between election and a so-called decision of God to receive into heaven those who believe unto their end, has failed. In the declaration about *Cur alii prae aliis?* umbrage is still cast upon the mere asking of the question and upon the question itself as something dangerous and misleading.

Most of the paragraphs under "D" are inadequate. They do not remove, but keep silence about, the old differences. We nowhere find a clear statement of the fact that the doctrines of the Church, the Ministry, Sunday, Chiliasm, and Antichrist are not open questions, but clear and well-defined doctrines of the Scriptures and our Confessions. — In the article on the Church a clear confession that the Church, in the true sense of the term, is invisible, was not made. The language enables the opponents to retain their old doctrine of a visible side of the Church. — In the statement regarding the spiritual priesthood and the doctrine of the ministry nothing is said of the doctrine of conveyance (*Uebertragungslehre*); neither is it clearly stated that every local congregation is the supreme and sole authority in calling a minister, independent of the clergy of the body to which it belongs. The paragraphs concerning Antichrist do not touch the old position of the opponents. The doctrine of Sunday is not presented; nor is there a statement to the effect that the false doctrine cannot be tolerated beside the true doctrine. The same thing is true

of Chiliasm. It is not a Scriptural doctrine, but no opposition is raised to any one's holding it as a personal opinion.

Your Committee considers it a hopeless undertaking to make these theses unobjectionable from the view of pure doctrine. It would be better to discard them as a failure. It now seems to your Committee a matter of wisdom to desist from intersynodical conferences. By entering into a closer relationship with the adherents of the Norwegian *Oppgjøer*, the opponents have given evidence that they do not hold our position in the doctrines of conversion and election. In view of this action further conferences would be useless and only create the impression as if we were endeavoring to come to an understanding, which is not the case.

It ought now also to be apparent that the manner of conducting these conferences, to wit, the exclusion of all historical matters, is wrong. As a result the opponents hardly understand each other.

Protest against the Intersynodical Theses.

The Northeast Special Conference of Iowa sent in a protest (Memorial 403) against the Intersynodical Theses as inadequate in many details and therefore unserviceable for purposes of union and requested Synod to reject the theses and to desist from further conferences.

English Version of the Report of Committee 19.

The Committee on Intersynodical Matters (No. 19) considered Memorials 401—403, together with the other documents and letters that were brought to the attention of the committee, and would like to submit the following report to the Ven. Synod:—

1) We acknowledge with heartiest thanks toward God that some progress in the presentation of doctrine on the basis of the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions has been made. The diligent and faithful work of our representatives, especially in view of the difficulties connected with their meetings during three years, is to be acknowledged with gratitude. For this reason every suspicion concerning the personal position of the colloquents in faith and doctrine, inclusive of any accusation of impure motives of any kind, should not be entertained. The latter statement is also the view of the Examining Committee, which asked that this statement be included in the report. The committee also declared that certain sharp expressions, as, for example, a maneuver for show only, are not to be referred to, and understood concerning the motive of, the colloquents, but have reference only to the results of their deliberations.

2) We recommend, however, that Synod do not accept the theses in their present form, for the following reasons:—

a) Because many serious objections have been raised by members

of Synod, which, in our opinion, should be carefully considered and eventually be taken into account in any further work concerning the theses;

b) Because the omission of all historical data in working out the theses was evidently not conducive to a full understanding on the part of the colloquents. We must begin with the *status controversiae*.

3) We further recommend that Synod declare its readiness to deal also in the future with the synods concerned, provided the latest historical development, namely, the move toward a closer union between the Ohio and Iowa synods, on the one hand, and the party of the Norwegian *Opgjøer*, on the other, be taken up first and adjusted according to the Word of God. The President of Synod shall appoint a committee, which in this case shall lead the discussions.

4) In any event we recommend that Synod elect a committee which is to be instructed to formulate theses which, beginning with the *status controversiae*, are to present the doctrine of the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions in the shortest, most simple manner. This committee is to present its report as soon as possible, if not in the meetings of the various District synods during the next years, then at least at the next Delegate Synod convention.

5) We finally recommend that Synod instruct the editorial staffs of the various periodicals of our organization that the Scriptural doctrines concerned, together with old and new differences in doctrine, be treated in more extensive articles during the next years. The various District synods and conferences are likewise to be urged to choose topics treating with the Scriptural doctrines in question during the next years.

Action.

1. It was emphasized that future discussion be contingent on the following two conditions:—

a) That the move toward fellowship between the Ohio and Iowa synods, on the one hand, and the Norwegian Lutheran Church, on the other, be first adjusted according to the Word of God;

b) That future deliberations proceed from the exact point of controversy and take into account the pertinent history.

2. The report of the committee was *adopted*.

3. Regarding Point 4 it was especially *resolved* that the President appoint the committee.

Lodges.

Report of Committee on Lodges.

1 The undersigned Committee was appointed in the fall
2 of 1926 by the President of Synod pursuant to the follow-
3 ing resolutions adopted by the convention of 1926:—

4 "WHEREAS, Present-day conditions demand a reaffirma-

5 tion of our position on the lodge * question, therefore be it
6 "Resolved, That Synod go on record as being as firmly
7 as ever opposed to lodgery because of its unchristian and
8 antichristian character; and be it further

9 "Resolved, That we hold it to be the solemn, sacred,
10 and God-given duty of every pastor properly to instruct
11 his people on the sinfulness of lodgery in denying the Holy
12 Trinity, the deity of Christ, the vicarious atonement, and
13 other Scriptural doctrines, and to induce his congregation
14 or congregations to take action against all members who
15 after thorough instruction refuse to leave the lodge; and
16 be it further

17 "Resolved, That we deem it the duty of every fellow-
18 Christian, fellow-pastor, and especially of the officials of
19 Synod to admonish all pastors who neglect their duty in
20 this respect; and if Christian admonition has been admin-
21 istered in the spirit of Matt. 18 without the proper results,
22 the officials of Synod shall bring such cases to the attention
23 of the synodical District for further action; and be it
24 further

25 "Resolved, That if congregations, after having received
26 due instruction, refuse to take action against lodge-mem-
27 bers, Synod shall deal with them and eventually refuse
28 them Christian fellowship; and be it further

29 "Resolved, That Synod earnestly request the various
30 synodical Districts to carry out the above resolutions and
31 faithfully to assist their congregations in eradicating the
32 lodge evil.

33 "Resolved, That we recommend to Synod that a Lodge
34 Information Bureau be created by Synod to furnish infor-
35 mation, advice, and literature concerning lodges; and be
36 it further

37 "Resolved, That in order to clear up a number of ques-
38 tions of congregational and synodical practise, suggested by
39 Overtures 407 and 408, which your Committee could not
40 sufficiently consider for lack of time, and to attain that uni-
41 formity in practise which is still lacking, your Committee
42 recommends that the President of Synod appoint a com-
43 mittee of nine capable and trustworthy men from various
44 parts of Synod who shall give these questions further study
45 and make suitable recommendations to Synod at its next
46 session and thus assure to our whole Church the blessed
47 fruits of such continued study and discussion of this im-

* By lodges we here mean secret societies having religious principles, doctrines, or rites.

48 portant question; to which end also this committee shall be
49 instructed to draw up the results of their deliberations and
50 to submit them to the various larger pastoral conferences
51 for discussion; and be it finally

52 "*Resolved*, That this committee be instructed also to
53 make the necessary recommendations to cover Overture 408
54 regarding the election of synodical officials."

55 Your Committee, in 1927, issued a report to the con-
56 ferences dealing with the subjects referred to it for an
57 opinion. From the replies which your Committee received
58 from the conferences as well as from individuals, it has
59 become clear that, while the difference concerning the ques-
60 tion whether lodge-members may under certain circum-
61 stances be admitted to Communion still exists, there is an
62 increasing tendency toward greater strictness in dealing
63 with the lodge evil and a growing concern lest any show of
64 tolerance lead to a gradual breakdown of discipline in this
65 respect. Our congregations generally hold that no one who
66 is affiliated with a lodge can become, be, or remain a com-
67 municant nor a voting member of our congregations. Your
68 Committee noted with hearty approval the many expres-
69 sions warning against laxity of practise and interprets these
70 expressions as further evidence of a strong synodical senti-
71 ment against any compromise with the lodge evil. Your
72 Committee agrees with a desire frequently expressed that
73 Synod become entirely lodge-free and hopes that the para-
74 graphs hereinafter submitted will be helpful in attaining
75 that goal.

76 In the resolutions of 1926 your Hon. Body imposed on
77 your Committee a twofold task: first, to make recommenda-
78 tions as to the best method of securing uniformity in our
79 congregational practise; secondly, to make recommenda-
80 tions on Overture 408 (of 1926) in reference to electing to
81 official positions such ministers only as are pastors of lodge-
82 free congregations.

I.

83 1. After thorough consideration of the 1926 resolutions,
84 reaffirming the position of our Synod in regard to lodgery,
85 your Committee is convinced that they are so comprehen-
86 sive that little need be added. If all pastors, congregations,
87 synodical officers, District synods, and the Delegate Synod
88 will practise according to them, the desired uniformity will
89 have been attained.

90 2. We recommend for adoption the following additional
91 resolutions:—

92 3. *Resolved*, That Synod hereby declares that it is

93 Scriptural, and has been and is the practise of our Synod,
94 not to administer Holy Communion to members of lodges.

95 4. *Resolved*, That in cases of casuistry — i. e., in cases
96 which present unusual features, rendering their classifica-
97 tion difficult—the conscientious pastor will not satisfy him-
98 self either by quoting a synodical resolution or tradition or
99 by assuming an attitude which must cause offense among
100 those not acquainted with the case; but he will carefully
101 avoid offense and prevent establishing a false precedent by
102 proceeding in full understanding with his congregation and
103 with his brethren in office, especially his visitor, and then
104 act according to his conscience, thus instructed, and in the
105 fear of God, in disposing of the case.

106 5. *Resolved*, That Synod warn those congregations and
107 pastors who are lax and allow the very exceptional case of
108 a weak brother or sister to justify a weak and spineless
109 policy in dealing with all lodge-members, both regarding
110 their Communion and otherwise, that they are responsible
111 to God for their neglect of precious souls, that they are
112 dimming the saving testimony of the truth by their evil
113 compromise, and that they are giving serious offense to
114 their brethren.

115 6. *Resolved*, That Synod remind all pastors and con-
116 gregations that a truly Lutheran congregation cannot per-
117 manently remain half lodge and half antilodge and that
118 nothing will be gained, but, rather, much will be lost, by
119 straddling the issue. Experience has abundantly demon-
120 strated that the practise of admitting lodge-members to the
121 Sacrament indiscriminately and indefinitely with the hope
122 of gradually persuading them to sever their lodge connec-
123 tions will lead to bitter disappointment and hopeless con-
124 fusion.

125 7. *Resolved*, That Synod, in agreement with the resolu-
126 tions of 1926, instruct its officers to exercise vigilant care
127 and urge all pastors and congregations to admonish those
128 congregations and pastors who permit the "lodge evil" to
129 exist in their churches without counter-testimony and de-
130 cisive action. If, after due investigation, it becomes evi-
131 dent that such congregations and pastors are indifferent or
132 refuse to remove the offense, they are to be suspended and
133 eventually expelled from synodical connection. Anything
134 short of a sincere determination by God's grace to stamp
135 out the last vestige of the "lodge evil" within our congre-
136 gations and Synod; anything short of an honest attempt
137 to carry this determination into effect, is unfaithfulness,
138 which makes us partakers of other men's sins.

II.

139 While your Committee is of the opinion that, self-
140 evidently, ministers notoriously lax in their practise with
141 respect to the "lodge evil" should not hold office in Synod,
142 we nevertheless cannot recommend adoption of Overture
143 408: "That Synod declare its determination to elect only
144 such members to official position as are pastors of congre-
145 gations known to be free from the 'lodge evil'"; for it is
146 not always possible to determine which is and which is not
147 a lodge-free congregation. If all members of Synod, and
148 especially the officers, are vigilant in their duty and Synod
149 itself will expel such pastors and congregations as are noto-
150 riously lax, there will be no reason for such a resolution.

III.

151 Your Committee, in the fall of 1926, appointed a Lodge
152 Information Bureau, consisting of the Rev. Prof. Th.
153 Graebner, of St. Louis, and the Rev. O. F. Engelbrecht, of
154 Milwaukee; it recommends that a similar committee be
155 continued.

Memorial 408, presented to Synod by the Western District, recommended the inauguration of a Synod-wide, systematic, intensive campaign, under the direction of the Districts, in which all congregations shall participate. This campaign shall lead to a definite decision and final action on the part of such congregations as still permit lodge-members to commune at their altars and of such individuals as still insist on being church-members and lodge-members at the same time.

The Iowa District, in Memorial 409, asked Synod to proceed against congregations which still tolerate lodge-members.

Report of Committee 15.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the "Report of the Committee on Lodges" and the whole lodge question, your Committee herewith submits the following for adoption by Synod:—

That we reaffirm the resolutions on the lodge adopted by Synod in 1926. (*Reports and Memorials*, 1929, p. 138, lines 4—32.)

These resolutions, as is evident, clearly and fully express Synod's position on the lodge question and outline a policy by which prompt and decisive action as well as the desired uniformity of practise may be secured. As Synod's Committee on Lodges says in its report (*Reports and Memorials*, p. 139): "If all pastors, congregations, synodical officers, District synods, and the Delegate Synod will practise according to them, the desired uniformity will have been attained."

Since, however, Synod desires a clear and unmistakable expression with respect to the communing of lodge-members, your Committee, basing its recommendations upon the "Report of the Lodge Committee" and after due consideration of the overtures submitted, begs leave to submit the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That Synod hereby declare that it is, and shall be, the practise of our Synod not to administer Holy Communion to members of lodges.

2. Therefore be it further *resolved*, That Synod, in agreement with the resolutions of 1926, instruct its officers to exercise vigilant care and urge all pastors and congregations to admonish such congregations and pastors as permit the "lodge evil" to exist in their churches without counter-testimony and decisive action. If, after due investigation, it becomes evident that such congregations and pastors refuse to remove the offense, they are to be suspended and eventually expelled from synodical connection.

3. *Resolved*, That we do not deny that a conscientious pastor may under certain conditions ("in cases which present unusual features, rendering their classification difficult," Memorial 407, lines 95.96) administer Holy Communion to a person who is still outwardly connected with a lodge. But in such a case the pastor shall earnestly beware of procrastinating and thus * giving offense, and to this end he shall freely and conscientiously consult with his vestry and congregation, his brethren in the ministry, and with the officials of Synod, as the case may require.

4. *Resolved*, That Synod hereby declare that the practise outlined above is Scriptural and truly evangelical.

5. Your Committee recommends the adoption of Paragraph II, lines 139—150, which reads as follows:—

"While your Committee is of the opinion that, self-evidently, ministers notoriously lax in their practise with respect to the 'lodge evil' should not hold office in Synod, we nevertheless cannot recommend adoption of Overture 408 (1926): 'That Synod declare its determination to elect only such members to official position as are pastors of congregations known to be free from the "lodge evil"'; for it is not always possible to determine which is and which is not a lodge-free congregation. If all members of Synod, and especially the officers, are vigilant in their duty and Synod itself will expel such pastors and congregations as are notoriously lax, there will be no reason for such a resolution."

6. Your Committee also recommends the adoption of Paragraph III, lines 151—155, which reads as follows:—

"Your Committee, in the fall of 1926, appointed a Lodge Infor-

* This word was stricken by order of Synod. (See under "Action," below.)

mation Bureau, consisting of Prof. Th. Graebner, of St. Louis, and Pastor O. F. Engelbrecht, of Milwaukee. It recommends that the same committee be continued."

7. Finally we recommend that Synod shall not appoint a committee to inaugurate a special campaign as requested in Overture 408, since the purpose of the suggested campaign will be accomplished if the resolutions of 1926 are put into practise. We also believe that Overture 409 is covered by these resolutions.

In conclusion permit us to state that your Committee finds that the Committee on Lodges appointed in 1926 worked with intense earnestness and self-sacrificing devotion and that the Lodge Information Bureau has painstakingly gathered very valuable information available for use by all members of our Synod. They, therefore, deserve a vote of thanks from Synod, which we herewith recommend.

Action.

The report of Committee 15 was discussed in five different sessions.

Resolved to reaffirm the resolutions on the lodge adopted by Synod in 1926 (lines 4—32).

It was moved and seconded to adopt Point 1 of the Committee Report. This motion was amended to include in one vote also Points 2, 3, and 4. It was then moved and seconded to amend Point 1 of the Committee Report so as to read: "That Synod hereby declare that it is contrary to Scriptures to administer Holy Communion to members of lodges; therefore it is, shall be, and must be the practise of our Synod to refuse Holy Communion to members of lodges." The following day Rev. Wm. J. Single, who had offered the amendment, and Mr. Zorn, who had seconded the amendment, presented the following signed statement: "When offering my amendment yesterday, I referred to secret antichristian societies, or lodges, such as the Masonic order and the Odd-Fellows, and with respect to them my stand is unaltered. The chairman of your Committee informs me that the report submitted for your adoption is intended to cover all lodges generally. I am not ready to apply the amendment in such a broad way, while I am quite ready to subscribe to the committee's report. Under the circumstances I withdraw the amendment if Synod will accept this statement and incorporate it in the record of these proceedings." No objection being voiced, the amendment was declared withdrawn.

The motion to vote separately on Points 1, 2, 3, and 4 was *lost*.

Resolved to strike from the second sentence of Point 3 the word *thus*.

Resolved to adopt Points 1, 2, 3, and 4, one negative vote being recorded. Since the explanation of the negative vote seemed to indi-

cate some misunderstanding concerning Point 3, the secretary of the committee declared that Point 3 obligates no man to make any exceptions from the general rule.

Points 5, 6, and 7 were thereupon *adopted* by separate resolutions, and the report was adopted as a whole.

Central Department of Missions.

Missions are the most important business of the Church. The future of our Church depends upon a vigorous mission-policy. Since immigration to this country has practically ceased, the problems of missions are different from those twenty-five or more years ago. There are important mission-fields on this continent that are not receiving adequate attention, while others, at least relatively speaking, are overemphasized. The Synodical Budget calls for approximately \$450,000 annually for missions other than our Foreign Missions and Negro Missions. We believe that our Christians are contributing their money for these missions with the understanding that it is being spent in such fields as, humanly speaking, will yield the greatest returns either for the immediate or a more distant future. Our missions have grown into a large enterprise, extending far beyond the borders of this great country.

We believe that the proper equalization of mission-funds is not possible unless we establish a Central Department of Missions with a full-time director in charge. We also believe that a systematic and vigorous mission-policy cannot be carried out without such a department, and finally we believe that it is a matter of wisdom to have a responsible head of a department which spends nearly half a million dollars annually and which is of such vital importance to the life of the Church.

We therefore respectfully submit to your serious consideration, first, that Synod create a Mission Department including all missions with the exception of our Foreign Missions and Negro Missions; secondly, that a full-time director be put in charge of this department. One of the Vice-Presidents might be considered as head of the department; thirdly, that a committee be appointed to work out the details as to the mode of appointment and duties of this director of missions. (Memorial 315.)

Report of Committee 14.

"Since the Synod now has under consideration a similar recommendation in connection with the report on missions, this committee recommends that Memorial 315 be disregarded."

Action.

Synod *adopted* this recommendation.

A Separate District for Southern California.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—

Synod's congregations, advisory pastors, and teachers of Circuits Three and Four of the California and Nevada District, located in that portion of the State of California geographically known as Southern California, make plea to Synod to establish them as a separate District to be known as the Southern California District of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, said Southern California District to include the following Southern California counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego, Imperial, Ventura, and Santa Barbara.

To explain our desire in this matter, we beg leave to submit the following information to the Ven. Synod.

The topography of California, the second largest State in the Union, naturally divides the State into two distinct centers of population, the one being tributary to the San Francisco Bay region and the other being united to Los Angeles by common economic interests. Each of these centers of population has had, and is still having, its separate and distinct development, which has not been without influence upon the work of our Church.

The congregations, pastors, and teachers in Southern California signing this petition to Synod for their establishment as a separate District of Synod are not unmindful of the benefits which have accrued to them and are grateful for the blessings and benefits of spiritual fellowship which they have enjoyed in times past through their membership in the California and Nevada District. Notwithstanding, however, their reluctance to see organic union with these other members of Synod in California dissolved, they feel constrained to seek and ask for a separate organization for the following reasons:—

Under the blessing of God the number and size of our congregations in Southern California have grown to such an extent that we believe a separate organization of our own is possible.

The climatic and economic conditions of Southern California have brought about such an influx of population and such an unprecedented development in recent years that we believe an organization of our own to meet these opportunities is desirable.

The internal affairs of our Church in Southern California have in the past year developed in such a manner that we believe a District of our own is imperatively necessary for the harmonious development of our work in Southern California.

Since there is a large and sparsely settled territory between the centers of population of the present District, it is now necessary to transport practically one half of the delegates, pastors, and teachers of the present District approximately 500 miles either north or south when conventions are held.

Respectfully submitted by

<i>Congregation</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Teachers</i>
Emmanuel	Los Angeles	George Theiss	
Immanuel	Redondo Beach	John C. Schmidt	
Trinity	Santa Ana	Wm. Schmooch	
Zion	Anaheim	H. G. Schmelzer	
First	Burbank	H. W. Schmitt	
Trinity	San Diego	K. Knippenberg	
Emmanuel	Santa Barbara	W. A. Theiss	
St. Paul's	Pomona	J. H. Heiserman	
St. John's	Los Angeles	G. H. Smukal	J. R. Stenske
First	Monrovia	H. Heinecke	
Trinity	San Bernardino	W. J. Lankow	Ferd. F. Herbst
Pilgrim	Santa Monica	W. Troeger	
Immanuel	Riverside	G. H. Hillmer	
St. John's	Oxnard	M. J. Von der Au	
Zion	Long Beach	A. M. Wyneken	M. J. Burkhardt
St. Paul's	Pasadena	A. Hansen	
Bethany	Hollywood	G. Witte	
First	Van Nuys	M. H. Tietjen	
Zion	Glendale	H. O. Kringel	
St. John's	Covina	H. O. Michel	
Emmaus	Alhambra	A. C. Keck	
Christ	Los Angeles	R. E. Kuehnert	
Grace	Los Angeles	O. W. Wismar	
Faith	Los Angeles	C. W. Berner	
Redeemer	South Gate	H. Gihring	
St. John's	Orange	A. C. Bode	Wm. Baltermann Paul Hedder J. Troester

Advisory members of Synod: Pastors G. Groenow, J. McDavid, O. Skov, O. Burkhardt, E. Wachholz, G. Ferber, A. E. Michel.

Report of Committee 14.

"Your Committee recommends that the petition expressed in this memorial be granted."

Action.

Synod therefore granted the request to organize this new *Southern California District*.

Synodical Proceedings in the English Language.

Concordia Ev. Luth. Congregation of Maplewood, Mo., petitioned the Synod as follows:—

"WHEREAS, The English language is the official language of our country; and

"WHEREAS, It occasionally becomes necessary to produce the synodical proceedings as legal evidence, and

"WHEREAS, Under our present practise our official proceedings

record the resolutions in the language in which they are submitted, but the action taken thereto in German; and

"WHEREAS, This practise prejudices the use of our official proceedings as legal evidence unless legally interpreted; and

"WHEREAS, It is highly probable that all those sufficiently interested to read the proceedings understand the English language; therefore be it

"Resolved, That our proceedings shall be recorded in the English language; and be it furthermore

"Resolved, That, if necessary, a brief summary of the proceedings be printed in the German language."

Action.

Upon recommendation of the committee it was *resolved* that in the Synodical Report all resolutions be printed in German and in English and that that version be regarded as official which was so designated by the respective committee.

Organization of Argentine District.

The president and secretary of the newly organized Argentine District reported that the new District was organized March 14, 1928, at San Juan, Entre Rios, Argentina, that it had adopted the constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States as its own, and that it now asked to be received into the synodical body as a District. Such reception into membership was held to be unnecessary, since Synod had given permission for the separate organization of this District.

The further request of the Argentine District, however, that a certain leeway be allowed in the formulation of its by-laws, so that they might adapt themselves to the laws of their country, was granted, with the understanding and provision, however, that no change in the constitution can be made without the written consent of the Board of Directors.

Separate Examining Board for Teachers in Argentina.

The Argentine District submitted the following memorial:—

"Since, according to the *Synodical Handbook*, the examining board for teachers and pastors in South America consists of the president of the Brazil District and the president of the institution at Porto Alegre; since, furthermore, there are now two Districts in South America, confined to countries with different languages and separated by large distances; since even because of financial reasons candidates for the teaching profession can hardly travel to Brazil to make their examinations; since finally candidates for the teaching profession in Argentina must also be examined as to their knowledge

of the Spanish language in accordance with the requirements of the government, while the examining board in Brazil is not familiar with this language, — therefore Synod is petitioned to appoint a separate examining board for Argentina."

Action.

Upon recommendation of Committee 14 a separate board for the examination of schoolteachers was created in Argentina, this board to consist of the District president and the faculty of our college in Argentina.

Annual Meetings of the South American Districts.

The brethren in South America, after consulting with Mr. Henry W. Horst during his visit, had requested the permission from the President to have their District meetings in those years also in which the Delegate Synod convenes. This permission had been granted. Upon recommendation of the committee this action of Synod's President was approved and ratified.

Commissioning Missionaries to Foreign Countries and Their Reception into Synod.

(Overture 405, p. 136.)

The College of Presidents submitted this memorial, referring to the regulations of Synod concerning the ordination, installation, and reception into Synod of congregations, pastors, candidates for the ministry, missionaries, professors, teachers, and candidates for the teaching profession. (See Constitution, §§ 5.6, and by-laws to § 5 and § 12, G.)

Concerning the commissioning of missionaries to foreign countries and their reception into Synod there are no stipulations, and therefore uniformity in practise is lacking. The College of Presidents recommended to Synod to adopt the following stipulations concerning this matter:—

The order for the commissioning of missionaries to foreign countries shall be issued by the respective mission board, unless the candidates enter a certain synodical District.

The application for reception into Synod shall also be addressed to the respective board, and the chairman of the board shall see to it that the reception takes place either at the convention of Synod or at that of the home District of the applicant.

The signing of the constitution may be done by proxy.

Action.

Upon recommendation of Committee 14 these proposals of the College of Presidents were *adopted*.

Reduced Fares for Superintendents.

Memorial of School Board.

"WHEREAS, All our superintendents of schools travel continually in the interest and at the expense of the Church; and

"WHEREAS, It has been impossible for them to obtain clergy certificates or passes under the present classification, by railroads, of people entitled to such reduced rates; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States express the wish to the various clergy bureaus that reduced rates be granted its superintendents of schools on the basis that their work in the Church is altogether of a religious character; and be it further

"Resolved, That Synod instruct its Railroad Secretary and his assistants to endeavor to get this concession from the railroads by the beginning of the next school-year."

Action.

Synod resolved to adopt the recommendation of the committee that the Railroad Secretary and his assistants be asked to continue their efforts to obtain the desired concession.

Membership Qualifications of Candidates for District Presidency.

WHEREAS, The Constitution of Synod does not seem to be clear in its provisions with regard to the qualifications of a District president; and

WHEREAS, As a result of such unclearness, there seems to be some disagreement among the members of Synod whether a District president must be a member of a congregation belonging to Synod or no; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Ontario District petition Synod, in convention assembled in River Forest, Ill., in June, 1929, to define the qualifications of a candidate for District president with regard to his membership in a congregation belonging to Synod.

Action.

Upon recommendation of Committee 14 the following sentence was added to our constitution: "The President, the Vice-presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the members of the Board of Directors of all Districts must be members of voting congregations."

Articles of Incorporation of Southern District.

The officers of the Southern District had submitted the articles of incorporation of their District for examination and ratification.

Committee 14 brought in the following report:—

Your Committee has examined the articles of incorporation of the Southern District and finds nothing therein contrary to the Word of God or the constitution of Synod and recommends that the action of the Southern District be approved.

Synod *adopted* this report.

To Expedite Cases of Discipline Brought Before District Synods.

The South Wisconsin District had brought the following overture before Synod:—

"In cases of discipline such officials of a District as have not acted in the case shall be given the authority to appoint a committee which is to act in the name of the District in order to expedite the adjudication of such cases. This procedure shall be followed in the entire Synod."

Committee 14 recommended the adoption of this memorial with the following change: "Strike out the words 'in the entire Synod' and substitute the words 'in all Districts.'"

Action.

The recommendation of the committee was *adopted*.

Amendments of, and Additions to, Our Present Election System.

ESTEEMED BRETHREN:—

Our present method of nominating candidates for, and electing the members of, the various boards of Synod, especially the boards of control and the electoral colleges of our colleges, normal schools, and seminaries, has been found somewhat unsatisfactory in that it limits the right of nomination and does not enable the delegates to our General Convention to vote intelligently on the candidates, who are known to them only in name.

In order to remedy these defects as far as possible, we recommend the following amendments of, and additions to, our present system of election:—

- 1) Each congregation in the territory tributary to a synodical institution (including Concordia Publishing House) shall be entitled and requested to nominate one candidate each for the electoral college and the board of control (board of directors) of that institution. Such nominations, together with reasons for making them, shall be sent to the president of the District in which the institution is located at least four weeks prior to the meeting immediately preceding the General Convention. From these nominations (supplemented by its nominating committee, if necessary) the District synod shall choose two slates of candidates for each board for the General Convention.

2) The names of the candidates thus selected by the District synods shall be published in the BOOK OF OVERTURES together with the following information about each candidate:—

Age: Educational training: Occupation or business: Distance from place of meetings: Offices the candidates has held or is holding in congregation, Synod, or otherwise: This information shall be limited to 50 words.

3) In the case of all boards of missions, the Board of Support, the School Board of Synod, the General Sunday-school Board, the Church Extension Board of Synod, and the Electoral Board for the Nomination Committee the right of nomination shall be extended also to the congregations of Synod, and the mode of procedure shall be as follows:—

A) Each congregation of Synod shall be entitled and requested to nominate one candidate each for these last-named boards. Such nominations, together with reasons for making them, shall be sent to the chairman of Synod's Nominating Committee by February 15 of the year in which Synod convenes. In order that this may be done, the Nominating Committee shall be elected and their names published in our official organs not later than January 15.

B) From the nominations thus received (supplemented by Synod's Nomination Committee, if necessary) the Nomination Committee shall choose two slates of candidates for each board. The names of the candidates thus selected shall also be published in the BOOK OF OVERTURES, together with the same information as in the case of the electoral colleges and local boards.

4) In order that an active incumbency of office may not become a burden to any one individual or an inactive incumbency a burden to the board or Synod, and in order that the diversity of gifts which the Lord has given us may be utilized more fully and service may be rendered well and intensively rather than for a long time, we further recommend that tenure of office shall be limited to two consecutive terms for any member in any one board elected by Synod; but previous tenure of office shall not disqualify a person after an interruption of three years.

5) All other permanent boards and committees which we have at the present time and whose election has not been provided for in the foregoing shall be *appointed* by the President of Synod, and his appointments shall be subject to the approval of the College of District Presidents.

6) We finally recommend that Synod amend its By-Laws ("Officers," B—"Regulations for Officers," etc., VIII, E, 4; XXIII, 2, 4) to conform to the changes suggested in this overture.

Action.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted, and the following *resolution* was passed by Synod: —

"The names of the members of the Nomination Committee shall be published on or before the first of February preceding each Delegate Synod, and at the same time all members of Synod shall be invited to nominate suitable candidates for the various offices, stating the reason for nominating them."

Composition of Electoral Colleges.

In an unprinted memorial Dr. Fuerbringer called attention to the ruling of the *Synodical Handbook*, p. 62, concerning the composition of electoral colleges. Under the present rulings it would be possible that the District in whose midst a certain college is located be not represented on the Electoral Board. As a matter of fact, a certain such District is at the present time represented by only one representative for the college in its midst. This seems to be against the spirit of § 4 of the rules for the election of such boards (cf. p. 62). This stipulation was changed at the last convention of Synod, so that the respective District shall propose a double number of candidates out of which Synod makes its selection, but it was not definitely decided whence the candidates shall be taken. Therefore this memorial proposes to make the stipulation of this paragraph more definite, so as to read: "The board of electors of the so-called electoral colleges of the Synod shall consist of the President of the Synod (or one of the Vice-Presidents), the local Board of Control, which shall have one collective vote, and five additional members, three of whom, if possible, shall be chosen from the District in which the college is located and two from adjacent Districts."

Synod *resolved*, on recommendation of Committee 14, that the proposal contained in this memorial be adopted, after striking out the words "if possible."

Increase of Membership of the Board of Foreign Missions.**Memorial of the Foreign Missions Board.**

Since the work of the Foreign Missions Board has increased very considerably the last years, this Board, assembled in plenary session at River Forest, Ill., June 18, 1929, passed the following resolutions:

Resolved to petition our synodical convention to increase the number of members of the Executive Board at St. Louis by four, adding to it two pastors and two laymen. It is the hope of the Mission Board that Synod will at once grant this request and at the election which is to take place during this convention elect the four additional members asked for.

Action.

The committee recommended that this petition be granted, provided, however, that the four additional members consist of two pastors, one teacher, and one layman.

Synod *adopted* this recommendation.

**Beginning of Term of New Officers, Boards,
and Committees.**

WHEREAS, Under the present rule of Synod, the newly elected officers and members of the various boards and committees assume their duties at the close of the synodical convention, therefore the undersigned herewith respectfully petition Synod to

Resolve, That the term of the new officers and members of boards and committees begin August 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.

This would avoid delay in the transfer of books and give the new officers and members of committees an opportunity to become familiar with the duties connected with their office and also give the Secretary of Synod ample opportunity to notify the newly elected officers and committee members of their election.

The recommendation of the committee to adopt this memorial was *rejected* by Synod.

**Synodical Professors as Members of Synodical
Boards.**

The following resolutions were submitted by the Chicago Lutheran Pastoral Conference:—

"WHEREAS, It seems inconsistent and inexpedient that any one who is called to some special position in Synod either by Synod itself or one of its boards and is salaried by Synod or one of its boards should at the same time hold another synodical position or office; therefore be it

Resolved, That no one who is called by and salaried by Synod or a synodical board should at the same time hold another office in Synod.

"AND WHEREAS, The professors at our seminaries and preparatory institutions are sufficiently occupied by their labors; therefore be it

Resolved, That no professor at our institutions of learning shall be expected to serve on mission boards or similar commissions not requiring theological training and ability."

Action.

Committee 14 brought in the following report:—

"Your Committee has carefully examined the matters and things contained in the above memorial and takes the privilege of making the following recommendations:—

"According to God's Word the gifts of the Spirit should be generally useful. If any person has the necessary strength and ability to serve Synod in some other capacity besides fulfilling the duty of the office to which he may have been elected, Synod should not tie its hands and resolve that such person shall be elected to no other office or position. And although the professors at our institutions are busy men, still the experience of many decades has shown that our professors can well be active as members of standing committees and in other positions. We cannot therefore subscribe to the principles expressed in this memorial and recommend that it be disapproved."

This report was *adopted* by Synod.

A Change in the "Synodical Handbook," Page 28.

In an unprinted memorial Dr. Fuerbringer called attention to an evident mistake in the *Synodical Handbook*, page 28, § 3, where it should evidently read "The District president" instead of "The President." The whole connection indicates that these paragraphs refer to the action of the District and its officials. This is also apparent from the history of this paragraph. When in 1908 provision was made for such confidential committees, the stipulations mentioned the "District president" four times and only once, evidently by mistake, the "President." This could, at that time, mean only the District president, since the President of Synod was then called the "General President." (Synodical Report of 1908, p. 149.)

Action.

Committee 14 sustained the proposal contained in this memorial, and Synod *resolved* to strike out the word "President" and substitute the words "District president" in this paragraph.

Method of Voting on Appropriations.

Memorial 416 contained two overtures of conferences in the Northern Illinois District concerning the method of voting on appropriations, suggesting that all appropriations over \$5,000 or \$10,000 be voted on by a signed ballot. Since Synod had already acted on this matter by adopting the recommendations of the Committee on Appropriations, this memorial was disregarded.

New Regulation Regarding Loans to Self-Sustaining Districts.

This proposal, contained in Memorial 417, was disregarded by Synod upon recommendation of Committee 14, since Synod had under consideration a complete new set of regulations for the administration of the Church Extension Fund.

V. PUBLICATIONS.

Concordia Publishing House.

Memorial 501, covering pages 149 to 155 of *Reports and Memorials*, contained in the report of the directors of Concordia Publishing House. The Fiscal Report of Concordia Publishing House as given on the following page was distributed to the delegates at the convention.

On these items Committee 16 brought in the following report:—

The Committee has carefully read the report of the Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House, including the Fiscal Report, which has been distributed and which should be inserted opposite page 150 of *Reports and Memorials*. Your Committee believes that Synod should commend the Board of Concordia Publishing House for the large amount of good work done during the triennium.

Action.

The report was *adopted*.

Revision of Synodical Catechism.

In Memorial 509 the English District called attention to the desirability of the publication of a revised synodical catechism or an entirely new exposition of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 16 Synod passed the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That Synod instruct its Ven. President to appoint a committee of eleven which is to make a thorough study of our Schwan Catechism with a view to its eventual revision as well as the grading of the catechism material; and be it furthermore

2. *Resolved*, That the committee ask for, and consider, suggestions with regard to this work and submit its findings, together with the proposed draft, to all pastors' and teachers' conferences and eventually to the 35th synodical convention.

Revision of Hymnal. Appendix to Hymn-Book.

In Memorial 507 the special Committee on the Revision of the Synodical Hymnal asked that a committee be appointed to prepare for the publication of a new English hymnal in from ten to fifteen years. The following reasons were advanced:—

1. Many of the translations from the German are of uncertain merit and ought to be corrected in the interest of a wider use of the splendid heritage which has come down to us from our fathers.

2. The selection of material from other fields outside of the German chorals is also subject to criticism, since, in many instances, we

Financial Supplement to Report of Concordia Publishing House.

Our fiscal year does not close till April 30. It was therefore impossible to furnish the financial summary in time to be printed with our regular report as contained in the *Reports and Memorials*, pages 149 to 155 incl.

Annual dividends for the three years were \$120,000, in spite of the fact that our actual profits had been reduced, although our net worth has increased.

The audit on the year just ended has not yet been concluded. Very probably, however, the Auditing Board of Synod will be in position to make a special report, covering also this printed report.

TRIENNIAL REPORT. May 1, 1926, to April 30, 1929.

Titles	Debits	Credits	Resources	Liabilities	Losses	Gains
Worth, May 1, 1926		\$1,176,177.33		\$1,228,159.43		
Merchandise	\$1,144,375.85	1,181,465.96	\$692,446.77	102,047.80	\$80,397.72	\$627,489.08
Plant	716,131.17		635,733.45		56,736.14	
Interest and Discount	85,744.73	29,008.59				
Waste and Rent		11,631.97				11,631.97
Insurance Fund	66,000.00		66,000.00			
Dividend Reserve	80,000.00		80,000.00			
Dividends Paid	360,000.00					
Accounts	359,324.94	195,244.32	128,173.74	23,992.00	59,898.88	
Insurance	28,751.94	7,382.05	1,920.21		19,449.68	
Cash	16,925.06		16,925.06			
Bills Payable		267,000.00		267,000.00	10,656.53	
Losses and Gains	10,849.80	193.27				
Depreciation on Buildings						
Gain					443,228.15	\$1,246.05
	\$2,868,103.49	\$2,868,103.49	\$1,621,199.23	\$1,621,199.23	\$670,367.10	\$670,367.10

Schedule of Present Worth

Result of Business, 1926-1929

Schedule of Present Worth	Result of Business, 1926-1929
Merchandise	Worth, May 1, 1926
Plant	Dividends Paid
Invested Funds	Depreciations on Buildings
Accounts Receivable	Reserve for Bad Accounts
Unexpired Insurance	Gain
Cash	Worth, April 30, 1929
Less Accounts; Reserve; Bills Payable	Respectfully submitted by
	Concordia Publishing House.
	May 24, 1929.
	R. H. O. MATEL, Secy.

have better hymns for specific purposes from Lutheran sources, upon which we may well draw, than from extra-Lutheran, and we believe that other hymns from German sources, not now included, could be added or substituted.

3. Our hymnal ignores, to a large extent, many of the treasures found in the hymnals of the Scandinavian countries, also in those of Bohemia, France, and other countries. Much material found in the Lutheran Church of America may also be used to good advantage.

4. It will be necessary, in many instances, to do additional re-casting of melodies in order to have the hymns as sung agree with the genius of the English language.

It is furthermore suggested that the Ven. Synod instruct its President to confer with other synods composing the Synodical Conference in order to have their cooperation in the preparation of the proposed hymnal.

Memorial 508 asked for the publication of an appendix to our English hymn-book. Two reasons were given for this request:—

1. Many gems of Lutheran hymnology which were not available in an English translation when the present hymn-book was compiled have since been translated in a very acceptable and creditable manner.

2. Our people, especially our rising generation, should not be deprived of the grand old Lutheran hymns which may now be had in good English translations until a new hymn-book in which they are embodied will appear.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 16 Synod passed the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved* (with reference to Memorial 507), That the Ven. Synod instruct its President to appoint a standing committee of five on English hymnology and liturgies; and be it furthermore

2. *Resolved*, That this committee proceed at once to begin studies and make investigations with a view to the ultimate publication of a new hymnal, a task which may require from nine to twelve years; and be it furthermore

3. *Resolved*, That the Ven. Synod instruct its President to confer with other synods composing the Synodical Conference in order to have their cooperation in the preparation of the proposed hymnal; and be it furthermore

4. *Resolved* (with reference to Overture 508), That in the mean time no changes be made in, or additions to, the present hymnal except by special instruction or order of Synod.

NOTE.—It is understood that this committee should regard books of devotion, prayer-books, and the like as belonging to the scope of its work.

Revision of King James Bible.

Memorial 512 petitioned Synod to consider whether it were not timely or advisable to have a revision made of the King James Bible.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 16, Synod passed the following resolution:—

Resolved, That Synod believes it is neither necessary nor wise to revise the King James Version.

NOTE. — Concordia Publishing House brought to the attention of Synod that it is now publishing the Concordia Series of Bibles with chapter headings and marginal references brought into conformity with Luther's German Bible.

Proceedings of Synod's Conventions.

Memorial 505 called attention to the inadequate distribution of the proceedings of Synod's conventions under the present system. In order to make them really serviceable, the memorial proposed that a copy be sent free of charge to each pastor in Synod for the use of the pastor and his charges. The cost of printing and mailing of about 3,500 copies was estimated at \$2,135.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 16, Synod passed the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That a printed copy of the official proceedings of synodical conventions be mailed by Concordia Publishing House to every pastor in Synod for the information and use of the pastor and the members of his charges; and be it furthermore

2. *Resolved*, That the cost to Concordia Publishing House of such printing and mailing be paid out of the Synodical Treasury; and be it furthermore

3. *Resolved*, That the Fiscal Conference be authorized and instructed, and it is hereby authorized and instructed, to include the anticipated cost of such printing and mailing in the synodical budget triennially; and be it finally

4. *Resolved*, That these resolutions become effective at once.

Proceedings of District Meetings.

The following resolutions were passed governing the publication of the proceedings of the various synodical Districts. They were based on Memorial 502, emanating from Concordia Publishing House:

WHEREAS, The proceedings of our District conventions are official utterances and are so regarded; and

WHEREAS, They should therefore be subjected to the theological censorship provided by Synod; and

WHEREAS, They should not lack a proper degree of editorial and mechanical uniformity; and

WHEREAS, The present system of publishing (or not publishing) results in a deplorably, if not dangerously, limited circulation of District reports outside the District (we now have but seventy-five subscribers for the series); and

WHEREAS, Under the present plan the cost of a whole series is prohibitively high (in 1928 an incomplete file of the District reports cost the individual subscriber \$12.06); and

WHEREAS, A few Districts were practically forced to refrain from publishing their proceedings because the present plan has removed the possibility of numerically strong Districts' bearing part of the unequal burden that falls upon the shoulders of the numerically weaker Districts; therefore be it

Resolved, That each synodical District shall be required promptly to send its official proceedings to Concordia Publishing House for publication as one number of an annual series (interrupted, of course, every third year, when District conventions are not held) and to be sold under the collective title *Synodical Proceedings* at a price of \$3 per annum; provided that

1. Every District shall be entitled to a number of pages not to exceed eighty, the District officers being expected to edit accordingly. Each District, however, shall be free to arrange for an issue of more than eighty pages in the German or English language or both, provided the District pays the entire cost of such excess for the whole edition of that particular number.

2. Manuscripts shall be published in the order in which they are received by Concordia Publishing House.

3. Concordia Publishing House shall submit all manuscripts to the censorial reading of the theological faculty in St. Louis.

4. Concordia Publishing House shall publish each number of the *Synodical Proceedings* within three weeks after the censoring of the manuscript has been completed (this may not be possible in the vacation season, when several manuscripts are likely to accumulate within a short space of time).

5. Concordia Publishing House shall promptly mail one copy of every number of the *Synodical Proceedings* to every congregation in care of its pastor and to such additional addresses as the District may supply (for instance, District officers, teachers, emeriti, etc.); and each District shall pay Synod in quarterly instalments at the rate of \$3 per annum for every subscription in force. Back numbers of the current year are to be mailed to such congregations (or pastor or teacher member if the District so orders) as are admitted to membership during that particular year. The Treasurer of Synod, in turn, shall periodically pay Concordia Publishing House for such service on the basis of \$3 per annum per recipient of such service.

6. Additional private subscriptions shall be accepted by Concordia Publishing House at the same stipulated arbitrary price of \$3 per annum for all members, at present 29 (including the two South American Districts).

7. Districts desiring special editions of their own District number for mass distribution within their District may negotiate with Concordia Publishing House for a special printing at a preferential price, which shall give the District the whole benefit of the "standing forms." Such District orders, therefore, must be arranged for before that particular number is taken in work by Concordia Publishing House.

Luther's Works in English.

The California and Nevada District, in Memorial 510, suggested the following plan regarding the translation of Luther's complete works into English:—

1) A volume or part of a volume of the St. Louis Edition of Luther's Complete Works is to be assigned to each District of Synod for translation.

2) Each District, assuming the responsibility for the translation of the volume assigned, divides this same volume into as many parts as there are official conferences in the District. Each conference shall be held to furnish the translation of the part assigned to it. Subdivisions are made by the conferences and delivered to organized groups. Every member of the group translates that subdivision or proportionate part assigned to his group, so that the result is just as many translations of the same material or subject-matter as there are members in the group. At regular intervals the group reviews the translations, sentence for sentence, and finally adopts the result of comparison as the best translation.

3) The translation is delivered to the editor-in-chief, who is to be elected by Synod.

In accordance with a resolution of the California and Nevada District the committee has recommended this plan to all Districts of our Synod in North America.

The undersigned committee now approaches the Ven. Synod with the following petition:—

1) To adopt the plan submitted by the California and Nevada District for a translation of Luther's Complete Works into English;

2) To elect an editor-in-chief according to the regulations governing the election of a professor;

3) To provide for the editor-in-chief the same salary fixed for our professors at our theological seminaries.

Regarding the financing of this project, the committee begs to submit the following suggestions:—

1) That the Hon. Synod make an appropriation of \$150,000 to

finance this edition in commemoration of the quadricentennial of the Augsburg Confession;

2) That the Hon. Synod urge every congregation and mission-station to budget five dollars a year as a subscription to this edition, thus assuring Synod of at least \$10,000 annually for meeting the expenses of publishing and of introducing Luther's Complete Works into the library of every congregation;

3) That the volumes be issued periodically, thus assuring more subscriptions and granting time for the systematic study of each volume.

Action.

On resolution of Committee 16, Synod passed the following resolution:—

Realizing that it is a laudable ambition to translate Luther's works into English,

Resolved, That Synod refer this matter for further careful study to the Luther Committee of Concordia Publishing House: Professors Fuerbringer and Wessel, Pastors Buchheimer and Rudolph Meyer, and Mr. E. Seuel.

Professional Theological and Other Periodicals.

In the 1926 convention the committee that sat on the report of Concordia Publishing House submitted to Synod the recommendation that the three professional magazines (*Lehre und Wehre*, *Magazin*, and *Theological Monthly*) be merged into one bilingual publication bearing the name *Theological Monthly* and carrying a monthly spread of eighty to 96 pages, octavo, plus advertising pages. Synod received this report, but postponed action.

Realizing, however, that our public evidently desires a change, particularly with reference to the professional magazines for our theologians, we have given the matter much thought and have also invited and readily obtained the cooperation of a few of our most prominent theologians. On the basis of these deliberations we now respectfully submit to Synod the following recommendations:—

1. Merge the German part (somewhat reduced) of the present *Homiletisches Magazin* into the *Lehre und Wehre*, which, accordingly, is to continue as a German-language theological magazine, now, however, dealing with all departments of theology.

2. Merge the English part of the *Homiletisches Magazin* into the present *Theological Monthly*, which, accordingly, is to continue as an English-language magazine treating all departments of theology, it being the purpose, however, to exclude from this new form of the *Monthly* sermons and sermon outlines, which are in the future to be published in an annual book devoted entirely and exclusively to this latter purpose.

3. Discontinue the *Homiletisches Magazin* as it now exists.

4. Authorize Concordia Publishing House to discontinue the *Lutheran Guide* as soon as the subscription list seems to indicate that the *Guide* is no longer needed.

On this matter, Committee 16 brought in the following report:—

"Your Committee is convinced that the publication of the three magazines ought not to be continued as three separate publications. Therefore we recommend this resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That *Lehre und Wehre*, the *Theological Monthly*, and the *Homiletisches Magazin* be merged into one monthly, to be called *The Theological Monthly*. This monthly is to have a spread of eighty pages or more and cost not more than \$3.50 a year."

Action.

Synod resolved:—

1. That *Lehre und Wehre*, the *Theological Monthly*, and the *Homiletisches Magazin* be merged into one monthly;

2. That the name proposed by the committee, *The Theological Monthly*, be stricken;

3. That the suggestion "This monthly is to have a spread of eighty pages or more and cost not more than \$3.50 a year," be referred to the Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House and the Faculty of St. Louis;

4. That Concordia Publishing House be authorized to discontinue the *Lutheran Guide* as soon as the subscription list seems to indicate that the *Guide* is no longer needed.

Local and District Papers.

Memorial 511 brought to Synod's attention the following matters:

The amount of printing which is being done in our Synod has assumed very large proportions. Much of this is local, serving the work of individual congregations, circuits, and Districts, etc., and therefore is done under the supervision and auspices of such bodies. A few of such periodicals have already reached a Synod-wide circulation, without being included in the censorship plan which Synod has so wisely provided for its own publications. In consequence of this fact there is a constant danger of disturbing the harmony, uniformity, and solidarity in doctrine and life which has heretofore characterized the position of our church-body.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 16, Synod passed the following resolution:—

Resolved, That Synod request all who issue printed matter which has not been authorized by Synod and therefore does not come under its direct censorship to exercise every precaution in avoiding ambiguous expressions and such suggestions as are not in harmony with the practise observed by Synod.

"Statistical Year-Book."

Memorial 506 called attention to the fact that the publication of the *Statistical Year-book* had annually resulted in a loss, averaging \$1,370.22 a year. By spending an additional sum of \$2,130, or about \$3,500, annually, a copy of the *Statistical Year-book* could be placed in every pastor's study, where its information would be available to him and his charges. Hence the memorial recommended a free distribution of the *Statistical Year-book*.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 16, Synod passed the following resolutions: —

1. *Resolved*, That a copy of the *Statistical Year-book* be mailed by Concordia Publishing House annually to every pastor in Synod for the information and the use of the pastor and the members of his charges; and be it furthermore

2. *Resolved*, That the cost to Concordia Publishing House of such printing and mailing be paid out of the Synodical Treasury; and be it finally

3. *Resolved*, That the Fiscal Conference be authorized and instructed, and it is hereby authorized and instructed, to include the anticipated cost of such printing and mailing in the synodical budget annually.

Literature Board.

Synod has commissioned us to initiate certain books. Foremost among these tasks is that of publishing a series of text-books on the history of the Christian Church. In spite of honest and persistent efforts we have not made any progress whatsoever in this matter. Considerable delay was caused by extended, but finally unsuccessful negotiations looking towards the completion of the work begun in 1919, when Vol. II and, shortly after, Vol. I of *American Lutheranism* were published by us. The difficulty seems to be to find the man in whom God has united the rare combination of a comprehensive present knowledge of history, ability and inclination to pursue further studies, and a facile style. When we find him, we must be able to secure the man. Does Synod order us to continue our efforts in this matter?

We have no budget allotment for our expenses. Concordia Publishing House, up to the present time, has borne such expenses as we had to incur. Since, however, our Board is not a part of the Publishing House organization, but is a direct creation of Synod, it does not seem more than fair that Synod allow us a budget of \$200 per annum.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 16, Synod passed the following resolutions: —

1. *Resolved*, That Synod encourage the Literature Board to continue its efforts to publish a series of text-books on the history of the Christian Church; and be it furthermore
2. *Resolved*, That Concordia Publishing House be instructed to carry the expenses of the Literature Board.

Juvenile Literature.**Extract from the Report of the Board.**

This Board was called into being in 1914 to read and recommend books for the children and young people of our Church. The last Delegate Synod ordered the addition of books for adults also. During the past fifteen years more than 3,000 books have been read by the members of this Board. Of this number only about 1,200 books were found worthy of a listing in the special catalog of 102 closely printed pages which Concordia Publishing House issues annually for the Board.

In its regular meetings the Board frequently discussed the question whether its work is really effective. We are thoroughly convinced that the work is necessary. The Church does well to watch over the reading of its members. But has the work of this Board been as far-reaching as it should be? Do our pastors, teachers, and Sunday-school leaders sufficiently cooperate with us? Do the books suggested by us actually reach the book-shelves of an appreciable number of our people?

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 16, Synod *adopted* the following recommendations: —

1. That we recommend to our editors to allow such space in their respective papers for reading-lists and the like as their limitations may admit.
2. That our pastors and teachers be encouraged to call attention to our catalog and our book suggestions whenever it is possible to do so, particularly in connection with their work among the children and young people and with church and school libraries;
3. That, whenever new books are purchased for church, young people's, Sunday-school, and day-school libraries, our catalog be used as a guide.
4. Finally, since the work is increasing from year to year, to augment the Board by an additional member. The present regulation on this point reads as follows: "The Juvenile Literature Board shall consist of four members living in St. Louis." This shall be changed to read: "The Juvenile Literature Board shall consist of five members living in or near St. Louis."

VI. FINANCES.

Report of the Board of Directors of Synod.

Your Board of Directors herewith reports on its work during the past triennium with due gratitude to God for His guidance and help.

In its first meeting, soon after the last convention of Synod, the Board organized by reelecting its officers, namely, President Pfotenhauer as chairman, the undersigned as secretary, Mr. E. Seuel as treasurer and legacy officer, the Rev. Wm. Hagen, Mr. Henry W. Horst, and Mr. W. H. Schlueter as Committee on Buildings, while President Pfotenhauer, Mr. Seuel, and Mr. Ahlbrand again served as the Finance Committee. An Advisory Committee for the Fiscal Office was appointed, which rendered valuable service during the triennium, namely, Dean Fritz, Vice-President Lankenau, and Rev. W. F. Wilk.

Twenty-three meetings were held. A detailed record of the proceedings of the meetings is on file. Some of these meetings extended over two or three days.

The business transacted might be grouped as follows:—

A. Matters Pertaining to Educational Institutions.

1. Building Matters.

a) In December, 1927, it could be reported that the work of the Building Committee of the new Seminary was finished, and the committee was discharged with due thanks for its faithful and efficient labors. The new buildings were put up within the appropriation of Synod.

b) We could not sell the old Seminary. The professors' houses have either been sold or are rented or used for synodical purposes.

c) Owing to financial conditions only the most necessary college buildings authorized by the last Synod could be erected, namely, the dormitory and heating-plant at Springfield and of the professors' houses one for the president of the college at St. Paul and the president's house at Austin.

d) The practise-school at Seward has not been erected, but an agreement has been drawn up with the congregation at Seward according to which the necessary ground will be secured and the school will be built and conducted.

e) In May, 1928, after taking up the matter with the Fiscal Conference and the College of Presidents, it was decided to make arrangements with Grace Lutheran Congregation at Oak Park, Ill., to erect a practise-school near the River Forest Seminary. The northeast corner of the River Forest property was sold to the congregation for church and school purposes, the school to serve for the above-mentioned purpose. The \$20,000 to be paid for these lots by the congregation are to be used as an endowment fund for the up-keep of the seminary grounds.

2. Professors, Students, and College Management.

a) Owing to the lack of funds in the Synodical Treasury, your Board decided, soon after the last convention, that only such professors should be called as were absolutely necessary to carry on the work. Therefore not all the professorships created by the last Synod could be filled.

b) The question of the professors' salaries was repeatedly discussed and carefully studied. Owing to financial conditions the Board could not see its way clear to advocate a general increase in salaries. However, frequent use was made of the privilege to grant temporary relief in cases of necessity. In a few instances professors were granted permission to take up postgraduate courses.

c) The support of indigent students, for which upward of \$75,000 is contributed annually, was given considerable thought. The Board is convinced that deserving indigent students should be supported, but has been trying to find ways and means of avoiding certain abuses and inequalities in such support. We feel that parents should do their very utmost to support their boys themselves, considering that Synod is already furnishing free tuition, board at very reasonable rates, and many other advantages rarely offered at higher institutions of learning. Pastors and conferences should be cautioned to be careful in their recommendations for support. It has been suggested that opportunities might be found or created at the various institutions to have indigent students do such work for the college in their spare time as will give them some income out of which to help defray their expenses. This matter requires further careful thought. Perhaps a committee could take this matter under advisement during the convention and offer constructive thought to the Synod for immediate action or for the guidance of the Board of Directors in the future.

d) A *College Administration Bulletin* is published from time to time by the Board of Directors, offering an opportunity for an exchange of ideas on college management. This is turning out to be a very helpful venture. The *Bulletin* is also being used by the professors for the discussion of common pedagogical problems.

B. Financial Matters.

1) *The Budget* has been inaugurated from year to year by the Fiscal Office and prepared in conjunction with the whole Fiscal Conference. An earnest effort was made to carry out the plans of the last Synod, which practically required a budget of \$3,000,000. Since it proved to be impossible, for the time being, to reach this budget, the running expenses were grouped together in a so-called "Group A," while building items and Synodical Church Extension funds were put in "Group B." It was found necessary to hold back temporarily some of the contributions for "Group B" in order to pay the running

expenses. We looked upon this as an emergency measure, hoping that our congregations would become more and more accustomed to the unit-budget plan, under which much more money has already been collected than ever before. Earnest efforts were made to keep down the running expenses, with the result that Synod was able to close its last fiscal year without any new debts.

2) In this connection much credit is due the *Pay-Synod's-Debt Committee*, which was initiated by St. Louis laymen, who were instrumental in getting wealthy men of our Church to contribute larger sums to help pay off Synod's debt. Their object is to raise \$750,000 for this purpose.

3) The Board of Directors asked the President to appoint an *Appropriations Committee* to consider all requests for appropriations and things pertaining to the budget in advance of the synodical convention. The findings of this committee will be at the disposal of Synod.

4) Pursuant to a resolution of Synod, the Board, after securing temporary help in the Fiscal Office, appointed Rev. L. Meyer as *Publicity Director*. We find this to be a most necessary and valuable arrangement. The arduous duties of our capable and untiring Financial Secretary, Mr. Theo. Eckhart, are thus lightened to a certain extent, and he is given the opportunity to devote himself entirely to the duties of his office.

5) Synod asked the Board to adopt regulations governing *annuities*. The following rules were agreed upon:—

Annuity gifts to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States may be given for the Synod in general or for specific branches of Synod's work.

Annuity agreements may be made with individuals (single-life agreements) or with two persons (joint or survivorship-agreements).

The annuity rate payable to annuitants on single-life agreements shall be as follows:—

Age nearest birthday	Rate	Age nearest birthday	Rate	Age nearest birthday	Rate
30	5.0%	46	5.4%	62	6.4%
31	5.0	47	5.4	63	6.5
32	5.0	48	5.5	64	6.6
33	5.0	49	5.5	65	6.8
34	5.1	50	5.6	66	6.9
35	5.1	51	5.6	67	7.1
36	5.1	52	5.7	68	7.2
37	5.1	53	5.7	69	7.4
38	5.1	54	5.8	70	7.6
39	5.2	55	5.8	71	7.8
40	5.2	56	5.9	72	8.0
41	5.2	57	6.0	73	8.2
42	5.3	58	6.1	74	8.5
43	5.3	59	6.1	75	8.7
44	5.3	60	6.2	76 or over	9.0
45	5.4	61	6.3		

The annuity rate payable to annuitants on joint or survivorship-agreements shall be the same as above, but the age of the younger of the two annuitants shall govern the rate.

The annuity funds shall be held in trust by the Treasurer of Synod.

These funds shall be profitably invested in accordance with the prevailing rules of Synod governing invested funds.

The earnings of such annuity funds shall be credited annually pro rata to the annuity-agreement accounts.

All annuities paid to annuitants shall be debited to the respective annuity-agreement accounts.

At the termination of an annuity agreement, *i. e.*, at the death of the annuitant—respectively, the surviving annuitant—the residuum shall be used in accordance with the stipulations of the respective annuity agreement.

C. Various Items Turned Over to the Board of Directors.

1) Considerable time and attention was given to the work of our Church in *South America*, especially as far as the seminary at Porto Alegre is concerned. In conjunction with the Board for Home Missions in South America your Board delegated Mr. Horst to visit the field early in 1928. In his energetic, consecrated, and efficient manner, Mr. Horst devoted himself whole-heartedly to his task, giving much help and encouragement to the workers in the field and bringing home valuable information for the guidance of the Board and Synod. He will be ready to offer a verbal report.

2) *Our foreign relations*, chiefly in Europe, were given considerable attention, and help was granted to the extent of our ability. The reports of the European Mission Board will bear this out.

3) In conjunction with the St. Louis faculty and the Board for Foreign Missions, attention was given to the question of the *training of workers for the Foreign Mission fields*. The respective reports bring the details of the plan under consideration to the attention of Synod.

4) *The Immigrant Mission Board for Northwestern Canada*, appointed by the President according to synodical resolution, is rendering valuable services in directing immigrants to our congregations. It was found advisable to authorize the calling of a full-time immigrant missionary at Winnipeg.

5) The investigations regarding the legal status of Synod's incorporation have not matured any material results. Unless Synod rules otherwise, the Board of Directors must continue this problem on its docket.

M. F. KRETZMANN.

Treasurer's Report. A. GENERAL SURVEY OF RECEIPTS.

Districts	Three-year Totals		Budget Treasuries		Three-year Budget Totals	All Other Accounts				Three-year Totals All Other Accounts
	1	2	1926 *	1927	1928	1926	1927	1928	9	
1. Atlantic.....	\$ 242,676.09	\$ 63,420.75	\$ 83,234.02	\$ 86,737.99	\$ 233,412.76	\$ 2,289.46	\$ 5,317.38	\$ 1,656.49	\$ 9,268.33	
2. Brazil.....	154.00	15,500.00	100.00	54.00	59,202.09	946.77	1,250.25	1,030.81	3,327.83	
3. California and Nev.....	62,589.88	25,228.05	23,228.05	18,534.00	53,208.93	946.77	1,250.25	1,030.81	3,327.83	
4. Ontario.....	34,545.60	11,572.64	33,021.04	8,413.90	33,208.13	7,500.87	9,381.22	10,532.63	27,574.92	
5. Central.....	760,899.05	200,616.30	273,290.73	259,511.50	753,118.53	3,502.03	4,248.02	4,456.37	8,286.49	
6. Central Illinois.....	236,109.30	65,853.25	78,203.60	53,717.00	221,633.56	3,251.14	4,124.13	1,323.14	10,303.41	
7. Eastern.....	184,842.89	55,270.43	60,355.82	58,413.13	263,889.68	3,251.14	4,124.13	1,323.14	10,303.41	
8. English.....	279,686.84	79,587.10	96,990.37	92,355.02	263,889.68	5,256.96	7,084.82	4,214.73	17,738.51	
9. Iowa.....	316,303.30	93,935.31	105,355.83	93,073.65	285,584.79	1,392.71	1,989.84	1,673.31	11,944.25	
10. Kansas.....	182,912.02	47,363.89	47,497.83	53,039.03	149,710.12	1,187.45	3,289.14	1,562.72	9,019.81	
11. Michigan.....	622,764.63	150,429.37	224,060.30	239,259.93	613,740.32	4,639.86	5,438.89	2,460.79	12,554.54	
12. Minnesota.....	242,601.29	55,919.58	55,341.41	78,358.76	223,656.16	1,053.79	4,318.13	2,507.98	16,379.95	
13. Southern Nebraska.....	153,978.91	43,118.90	50,487.44	53,982.02	141,598.56	1,053.79	4,318.13	2,507.98	16,379.95	
14. N. Dakota and Mon.....	38,525.07	11,020.44	13,275.09	17,294.41	50,243.03	1,053.79	4,318.13	2,507.98	16,379.95	
15. Northern Illinois.....	537,242.07	149,843.21	182,387.41	153,713.51	593,502.90	2,788.77	1,765.68	1,712.74	7,047.17	
16. North Wisconsin.....	102,554.87	24,973.04	35,814.30	47,739.56	93,502.90	2,788.77	1,765.68	1,712.74	7,047.17	
17. Oregon and Wash.....	29,412.06	9,254.38	9,124.85	15,750.74	27,139.57	699.06	1,136.78	436.55	2,272.69	
18. South Dakota.....	46,575.92	11,763.10	13,085.53	15,450.71	27,139.57	699.06	1,136.78	436.55	2,272.69	
19. Southern.....	19,763.99	6,078.78	3,580.63	5,421.61	17,089.36	1,731.41	712.86	1,233.59	2,682.88	
20. Southern Illinois.....	173,086.09	49,888.61	92,001.67	56,613.72	163,303.00	2,760.59	1,647.78	1,233.59	4,784.09	
21. Texas.....	57,732.43	12,321.96	14,090.86	9,033.99	45,716.81	1,433.68	6,927.75	6,927.75	12,015.82	
22. Western.....	432,507.91	121,357.28	171,647.91	150,309.62	479,826.63	7,394.78	6,687.52	4,629.88	18,682.49	
23. South Wisconsin.....	356,436.76	111,454.23	113,804.63	110,335.77	349,946.99	5,438.75	5,541.31	2,432.87	13,711.93	
24. Colorado.....	24,790.57	5,711.88	5,599.34	3,353.44	22,964.89	1,156.70	470.23	239.95	649.88	
25. Alberta-Brit. Col.....	10,693.52	2,193.37	2,577.42	2,534.19	8,139.92	2,119.50	369.80	73.00	2,561.30	
26. Manitoba and Sask.....	16,083.37	3,177.16	3,706.13	3,534.19	14,792.18	1,159.19	67.40	35.30	1,291.89	
27. Northern Nebraska.....	12,930.10	25,832.47	40,522.33	37,897.19	103,924.65	3,725.23	3,209.33	2,077.95	9,012.54	
28. Oklahoma.....	28,164.92	5,653.29	9,832.05	10,668.19	26,183.64	1,126.86	629.52	245.00	2,001.38	
29. Argentine.....	249.95		949.05		249.95					
30. Other Sources.....	6,184,960.57	281,340.28	294,715.83	270,765.51	846,521.12	2,825,082.07	1,607,617.26	1,105,439.92	5,838,139.25	
Totals.....	11,521,287.07	1,713,841.00	2,138,544.49	2,102,902.71	5,955,288.20	2,704,807.13	1,704,601.26	1,156,590.49	5,565,998.87	

* Although the Synodical Building Fund was not included in the 1928 budget, Building Fund receipts are included in this column to make the figures comparable with those in the next two columns.

B. CASH ACCOUNT.

Balance, January 30, 1926	\$	35286.91
Receipts: 1926	\$4418648.13	
1927	3843145.74	
1928	3259493.20	
Total receipts, as in A-1		11521287.07
Disbursements: 1926	\$4426997.00	
1927	3811940.71	
1928	3272300.95	
		11511238.66
Balance, January 31, 1929		\$45335.32

C. BUDGETED TREASURIES.

1. February 1, 1926, to January 31, 1927	Budget Treasury Distribution	Specific Receipts	Totals
a) Board of Support	\$ 75239.59	\$179323.96	\$254563.55
b) Church Extension	5573.20	5860.10	11433.30
c) Contingent Reserve Fund ...	9474.85	4499.70	13974.55
d) Deaf-mute Missions	18391.84	12254.42	30646.26
e) Deaf-mute Building Fund ...			
f) European Missions	24522.22	13687.21	38209.43
g) Foreign Missions	104220.65	66484.14	170704.79
h) Foreign Building Fund			
j) Foreign-tongue Missions	10032.04	5534.04	15566.08
k) Home Missions	101434.05	64589.45	166023.50
l) Immigrant and Seamen's Miss.	3900.96	2081.38	5982.34
m) Indian Missions	10032.04	9701.94	19733.98
n) Jewish Mission	3343.78	1905.27	5249.05
o) Negro Missions	75239.59	49250.56	124490.15
p) Negro Building Fund			
q) South American Missions ...	40684.64	23100.70	63785.34
r) Synodical Building Fund ...		320998.20	320998.20
s) Synodical Treasury	211785.07	260695.41	472480.48
t) Budget Treasury receipts	\$693874.52		
u) Specific receipts		\$1019966.48	
v) Total budget receipts, as in A-2			\$1713841.00

2. February 1, 1927, to January 31, 1928	Budget Treasury Distribution	Specific Receipts	Totals
a) Board of Support	\$ 84177.95	\$148831.52	\$233009.47
b) Church Extension	263057.14	50582.60	313639.74
c) Contingent Reserve Fund ...	27533.98	4293.57	31827.55
d) Deaf-mute Missions	23070.65	8260.82	31331.47
e) Deaf-mute Building Fund ...	2630.81	520.15	3150.96
f) European Missions	46298.12	10750.65	57048.77
g) Foreign Missions	123111.08	71884.25	194995.33
h) Foreign Building Fund	60204.49	4481.69	64686.18
j) Foreign-tongue Missions	13152.45	4593.09	17745.54
k) Home Missions	117323.62	39552.29	156875.91
l) Immigrant and Seamen's Miss.	3997.70	1375.41	5373.11
m) Indian Missions	8785.73	5467.26	14252.99
n) Jewish Mission	2104.97	1242.27	3347.24

o) Negro Missions	76287.11	32706.41	108993.52
p) Negro Building Fund	21044.88	4147.82	25192.70
q) South American Missions	47718.86	14800.65	62519.51
r) Synodical Building Fund	346649.06	65023.92	411672.98
s) Synodical Treasury	316721.82	86159.70	402881.52
t) Budget Treasury receipts	\$1583870.42		
u) Specific receipts		\$554674.07	
v) Total budget receipts, as in A-3			\$2138544.49

3. February 1, 1928, to January 31, 1929	Budget Treasury Distribution	Specific Receipts	Totals
a) Board of Support	\$129603.58	\$154396.42	\$284000.00
b) Church Extension	204257.62	21470.70	225728.32
c) Contingent Reserve Fund		3578.20	3578.20
d) Deaf-mute Missions	34479.41	8612.50	43091.91
e) Deaf-mute Building Fund	1527.02	368.55	1895.57
f) European Missions	43456.63	8543.37	52000.00
g) Foreign Missions	158871.34	74430.35	233301.69
h) Foreign Building Fund	34951.71	4452.06	39403.77
j) Foreign-tongue Missions	17500.41	3699.59	21200.00
k) Home Missions	150575.79	37424.21	188000.00
l) Immigrant and Seamen's Miss.	5640.11	1326.09	6966.20
m) Indian Missions	7474.92	5825.08	13300.00
n) Jewish Mission	3538.57	1355.43	4894.00
o) Negro Missions	86320.72	29936.98	116257.70
p) Negro Building Fund	12216.13	3372.47	15588.60
q) South American Missions	49553.19	12559.81	62113.00
r) Synodical Building Fund	201236.65	30445.06	231681.71
s) Synodical Treasury	490829.47	69072.57	559902.04
t) Budget Treasury receipts	\$1632033.27		
u) Specific receipts		\$470869.44	
v) Total budget receipts, as in A-4			\$2102902.71

D. BOARD OF SUPPORT.

Deficit, January 30, 1926	\$ 5731.38
Disbursements: 1926	\$246000.00
1927	270000.00
1928	284000.00
Total disbursements	800000.00
	\$805731.38

Receipts, 1926: —

L. L. L. Endowment Fund	\$102000.00
Sundry legacies, etc., 1925	6992.77
Sundry legacies, etc., 1926	7138.28
C. P. H. 1925 dividends, 10%	12000.00
Other receipts	126432.50
1926 receipts, as in C-1 a)	\$254563.55

Receipts, 1927: —

L. L. L. Endowment Fund	\$109000.00
Sundry legacies, etc.	7828.71
Other receipts	116180.76
1927 receipts, as in C-2 a)	233009.47

Receipts, 1928: —

L. L. L. Endowment Fund	\$111000.00
Sundry legacies, etc.	7561.91
Other receipts	165438.09

1928 receipts, as in C-3 a)	284000.00
Debt Fund receipts — prorated	4917.66

Total receipts 776490.68

Deficit, January 31, 1929 \$29240.70

E. CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Balance, January 30, 1926 \$ 70870.45

Receipts, 1926: —

As in C-1 b)	\$ 11433.30
From Church Extension Board ...	138755.00

\$150188.30

Receipts, 1927: —

As in C-2 b)	\$313639.74
Less refunds	144944.68

\$168695.06

From Church Extension Board ... 47800.00

Repayments on loans 125608.16

342103.22

Receipts, 1928: —

As in C-3 b)	\$225728.32
Less refunds	149374.23

\$ 76354.09

From Church Extension Board ... 12000.00

Sundry receipts 2750.00

Repayments on loans 145873.31

236977.40

729268.92

Total receipts \$800139.37

Disbursements: 1926 \$124900.00

1927 135975.11

1928 260177.97

Total disbursements 521053.08

Balance, January 31, 1929 \$279086.29

F. CONTINGENT RESERVE FUND.

Balance, January 30, 1926 \$19814.87

Receipts: —

1926, as in C-1 c) \$13974.55

1927, as in C-2 c) 31827.55

1928, as in C-3 c) 3578.20

Total receipts 49380.30

\$69195.17

Disbursements: 1926 \$ 1675.00

1927 11733.83

1928 1290.00

Total disbursements 14698.83

Balance, January 31, 1929 \$54496.34

G. DEAF-MUTE AND BLIND MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 30, 1926		\$ 21828.50
Disbursements: 1926	\$33000.00	
1927	39905.00	
1928	44570.00	
Total disbursements		117475.00
Receipts: —		<u>\$139303.50</u>
1926, as in C-1 d)	\$30646.26	
1927, as in C-2 d)	31331.47	
1928, as in C-3 d)	\$43091.91	
For Blind Missions	1478.09	
Debt Fund receipts — prorated ...	4716.55	
	<u>49286.55</u>	
Total receipts		<u>111264.28</u>
Deficit, January 31, 1929		\$28039.22

H. DEAF-MUTE BUILDING FUND.

Receipts: —		
1927, as in C-2 e)	\$3150.96	
1928, as in C-3 e)	1895.57	
Total receipts		\$5046.53
Disbursements, 1928		<u>3150.96</u>
Balance, January 31, 1929		\$1895.57

J. EUROPEAN MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 30, 1926		\$ 17869.86
Disbursements: 1926	\$45675.00	
1927	78458.50	
1928	53000.00	
Total disbursements		177133.50
Receipts: —		<u>\$195003.36</u>
1926, as in C-1 f)	\$38209.43	
From Contingent Reserve Fund ..	1675.00	
	<u>\$39884.43</u>	
1927, as in C-2 f)	57048.77	
1928, as in C-3 f)	\$52000.00	
From Contingent Reserve Fund ..	1000.00	
Debt Fund receipts — prorated ...	6488.76	
	<u>59488.76</u>	
Total receipts		<u>156421.96</u>
Deficit, January 31, 1929		\$38581.40

K. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 30, 1926		\$ 74015.84
Disbursements: 1926	\$175000.00	
To Building Fund	12000.00	
		\$187000.00
1927		194383.42
1928		233301.69
Total disbursements		614685.11
Receipts: —		\$688700.95
1926, as in C-1 g)	\$170704.79	
1927, as in C-2 g)	194995.33	
1928, as in C-3 g)	\$233301.69	
Debt Fund receipts — prorated ...	12914.81	
		246216.50
Total receipts		611916.62
Deficit, January 31, 1929		\$76784.33

L. FOREIGN BUILDING FUND.

Balance, January 30, 1926		\$ 3044.68
Receipts: 1926 by transfer	\$12000.00	
1927, as in C-2 h)	64686.18	
1928, as in C-3 h)	39403.77	
Total receipts		116089.95
		\$119134.63
Disbursements: 1926	\$15000.00	
1927	21461.00	
1928	32613.00	
Total disbursements		69074.00
Balance, January 31, 1929		\$50060.63

M. FOREIGN-TONGUE MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 30, 1926		\$14714.48
Disbursements: 1926	\$18000.00	
1927	23400.00	
1928	21200.00	
Total disbursements		62600.00
Receipts: —		\$77314.48
1926, as in C-1 j)	\$15566.08	
1927, as in C-2 j)	17745.54	
1928, as in C-3 j)	\$21200.00	
Debt Fund receipts — prorated ...	3282.77	
		24482.77
Total receipts		57794.39
Deficit, January 31, 1929		\$19520.09

N. HOME MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 30, 1926		\$ 97746.53
Disbursements: 1926	\$159469.23	
1927	192400.00	
1928	188000.00	
Total disbursements		539869.23
Receipts: —		\$637615.76
1926, as in C-1 k)	\$166023.50	
1927, as in C-2 k)	156875.91	
1928, as in C-3 k)	\$188000.00	
Debt Fund receipts — prorated ..	18243.36	
	206243.36	
Total receipts		529142.77
Deficit, January 31, 1929		\$108472.99

O. IMMIGRANT AND SEAMEN'S MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 30, 1926		\$ 2339.67
Disbursements: 1926	\$5556.01	
1927	6376.37	
1928 — New York	\$6966.20	
Canada	300.00	
	7266.20	
Total disbursements		19198.58
Receipts: —		\$21538.25
1926, as in C-1 l)	\$5982.34	
1927, as in C-2 l)	5373.11	
1928, as in C-3 l)	\$6966.20	
From Contingent Reserve Fund ..	290.00	
Sundry receipts	10.00	
Debt Fund receipts — prorated ..	419.54	
	7685.74	
Total receipts		19041.19
Deficit, January 31, 1929		\$2497.06

P. INDIAN MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 30, 1926		\$ 6492.96
Disbursements: 1926	\$16200.00	
1927	16300.00	
1928	13300.00	
Total disbursements		45800.00
Receipts: —		\$52292.96
1926, as in C-1 m)	\$19733.98	
1927, as in C-2 m)	14252.99	
1928, as in C-3 m)	\$13300.00	
Debt Fund receipts — prorated ..	721.21	
	14021.21	
Total receipts		48008.18
Deficit, January 31, 1929		\$4284.78

Q. JEWISH MISSION.

Deficit, January 30, 1926			\$ 1763.11
Disbursements: 1926	\$5477.00		
1927	5200.00		
1928	4894.00		
Total disbursements		15571.00	
Receipts: —			\$17334.11
1926, as in C-1 n)	\$5249.05		
1927, as in C-2 n)	\$3347.24		
From Contingent Reserve Fund ..	1200.00		
	4547.24		
1928, as in C-3 n)	\$4894.00		
Debt Fund receipts — prorated ..	380.61		
	5274.61		
Total receipts		15070.90	
Deficit, January 31, 1929			\$2263.21

R. NEGRO MISSIONS.

Receipts: —			
1926, as in C-1 o)	\$124490.15		
1927, as in C-2 o)	108993.52		
1928, as in C-3 o)	116257.70		
Total receipts			\$349741.37
Disbursements: 1926	\$124490.15		
1927	108993.52		
1928	116257.70		
Total disbursements			349741.37
Balance, January 31, 1929

S. NEGRO BUILDING FUND.

Receipts: —			
1927, as in C-2 p)	\$25192.70		
1928, as in C-3 p)	15588.60		
Total receipts			\$40781.30
Disbursements: 1928			25192.70
Balance, January 31, 1929			\$15588.60

T. SOUTH AMERICAN MISSIONS.

Deficit, January 30, 1926			\$ 33273.71
Disbursements: 1926	\$69585.25		
1927	66654.82		
1928	62113.00		
Total disbursements		198353.07	
Receipts: —			\$231626.78
1926, as in C-1 q)	\$63785.34		
1927, as in C-2 q)	62519.51		
1928, as in C-3 q)	\$62113.00		
Debt Fund receipts — prorated ..	6220.61		
	68333.61		
Total receipts		194638.46	
Deficit, January 31, 1929			\$36988.32

U. SYNODICAL BUILDING FUND.

Balance, January 30, 1926 \$1202546.91

Receipts: —

1926, as in C-1 r) \$320998.20
1927, as in C-2 r) 411672.98
1928, as in C-3 r) 231681.71

Total regular receipts \$964352.89
Concordia Gymnasium 1113.02
Edmonton College 3047.14
St. Louis Seminary 1010.00
St. Louis Seminary emblems, etc. 11448.90
Springfield Seminary-land 199.98
Pledges charged to Districts —
Accounts Receivable: —
Canadian Districts \$ 3911.13
Texas District 30000.00
Western District 14923.09

48834.22

Total credits 1030006.15
Transferred from Undivided Earnings 150000.00

Disbursements: —

\$2382553.06

Austin: College \$ 82779.98
Equipment 419.50
Sundries 290.00
Bronxville: Dormitory 4807.58
Concordia: Athletic Field 925.50
Dormitory 6734.96
Gymnasium 553.73
Lecture Hall 1000.00
Sidewalks 865.00
Conover: Administration Building 1200.00
Girls' Dormitory — old debt 2000.50
Edmonton: Campus 1768.27
Equipment 4200.00
Fort Wayne: Athletic Field 6080.94
Driveway 6887.00
Panic bars 562.60
Milwaukee: Heating-plant 5585.00
Hot-water supply 1261.35
Northeast dormitory 1794.00
Refectory and dormitory 53588.88
Refectory equipment 465.00
Portland: Additional land 2799.10
Administration Building 750.00
Porto Alegre: Additional land 2500.00
Administration Building 5400.44
River Forest: Basement-rooms 693.82
Door-checks 954.00
Library equipment 2500.00
Music equipment 10703.31
Sidewalks 533.76
St. Louis: Seminary buildings 1270462.92
Emblems and equipment 15711.53
St. Paul: Dormitory 4500.00
Refectory 5000.00
Seward: Refectory 118914.87
Pianos and organs 16500.00

Springfield: Administration Building	966.80	
Dormitory	72533.20	
Heating-plant	48018.38	
Winfield: Administration Building	434.59	
Hospital	400.00	
Library debt	800.00	
Residences: Austin	10297.00	
Bronxville	29506.50	
Concordia	9483.70	
Fort Wayne	12688.32	
Milwaukee	9906.56	
Oakland	5396.43	
River Forest	1880.00	
St. Paul (including old debt)	10680.50	
Seward	2850.00	
Springfield	24417.67	
Repairs and minor improvements: 1926 ...	82644.88	
1927	58615.46	
1928	71784.28	
Ways and Means Committee	1121.22	
Transferred to Emblem Committee	4623.12	
Total debits		2100742.15
Accrued liabilities (credits on building orders)		\$281810.91
		41433.44
Balance, January 31, 1929		\$240377.47

V. SYNODICAL TREASURY.

<i>Disbursements during</i>	1926	1927	1928
Austin	\$ 2777.11	\$ 6302.26	\$ 7662.83
Bronxville	32443.09	35844.45	34416.83
Concordia	20894.05	21528.62	20556.84
Conover	7289.27	7785.74	8366.37
Edmonton	17280.35	17875.59	18229.58
Fort Wayne	50258.30	51044.24	52708.73
Milwaukee	39131.74	41324.20	39509.89
Oakland	14063.28	19126.45	18970.57
Portland	9884.26	9584.33	9778.37
Porto Alegre	9225.00	8763.50	8515.00
River Forest	51665.55	53872.18	53122.56
St. Louis	66342.61	73098.42	78472.38
St. Paul	33603.20	39702.85	39833.55
Seward	36688.59	40594.83	42174.77
Springfield	24379.32	24356.46	26401.76
Winfield	29417.53	30972.74	32475.92
Total cost of institutions* ..	\$445343.25	\$481776.86	\$491195.95
Interest on money borrowed			11565.40
President's office:			
Salary and office expenses	5620.00	5037.70	5014.48
Vice-presidents	800.00	800.00	800.00
Vice-presidents' mileage	880.69	1040.45	678.22
Secretary's office expense	551.14	631.91	565.80
Fiscal Office	9668.55	10214.33	9979.37
Board of Directors	1601.18	2037.25	825.99
Statistical Bureau:			
Salaries and office expenses	2904.39	3082.23	2957.92

* Includes salaries, current expenses, fuel, and library and laboratory allowances.

<i>Statistical Year-book</i> deficit	1150.61	1316.15	1344.64
Periodicals sent gratis	79.96	69.81	10.89
School Board	6453.64	6500.00	5200.00
Sunday-school Board	40.00	3060.21	3409.97
Synodical Conference	420.00		
Sundry Committees	1350.97	1910.21	3017.44
<i>Catalog of Institutions</i>	1126.83	1039.29	1180.30
<i>College Administration Bulletin</i>			212.85
Convention expenses	3076.53		
Equipment of synodical offices	288.21	420.14	180.54
Publicity	15000.00	30000.00	31724.38
Collection envelopes		10533.83	8064.75
Appraisal expense	99.62		
Pay-Synod's Debt Committee			1315.15
Total cost	\$496455.57	\$559470.37	\$579244.04
Board of Support	12000.00		
Items subsequently refunded	1397.76	2519.82	2527.63
Total disbursements	\$509853.33	\$561990.19	\$581771.67
Deficit, January 30, 1926			\$ 177441.34
Disbursements: 1926		\$509853.33	
1927		561990.19	
1928		581771.67	
Total disbursements			1653615.19
Receipts, 1926: —			\$1831056.53
Sundry refunds	\$ 1397.76		
Norwegian professor	1050.00		
Rents	200.00		
Tuition	4783.76		
Contributions	465048.96		
As in C-1 s)		\$472480.48	
Receipts, 1927: —			
As in C-2 s)	\$402881.52		
Sundry refunds	2039.82		
Norwegian professor	500.00		
Rents	18.78		
Tuition	3794.92		
C. P. H., a/c S. S. Board	750.00		
Church Extension refunds	10231.65		
From Contingent Reserve Fund	10533.83		
		430750.52	
Receipts, 1928: —			
As in C-3 s)	\$559902.04		
Sundry refunds	2527.63		
Norwegian professor	900.00		
Rents	250.42		
Tuition	6745.75		
C. P. H., a/c S. S. Board	1000.00		
Church Extension refunds	10445.83		
Debt Fund receipts—prorated ..	49822.15		
		631593.82	
Total receipts			1534824.82
Deficit, January 31, 1929			\$296231.71

W. ALL OTHER ACCOUNTS.

	1926	1927	1928
Accounts Receivable	\$ 1270.71	\$ 627.00	\$ 6605.00
African Mission	48.25		
Annuity Endowments	13300.00	17070.00	25567.10
Australia and New Zealand	503.00		
Blind Missions			
Bonds	885550.00	7500.00	1478.09
Building Fund — sundries	21593.12	2385.34	56300.00
Budget Treasury	693874.52		2212.40
Church Extension Fund	138755.00	173408.16	
Church Extension — refunds		89.49	160623.31
Deaf-mute Missions — chapel	1500.00		375.00
Disbursement Accounts — sundry		2938.80	
European Missions — sundry titles	3332.14	1819.60	2947.93
European Relief	7736.23	2500.83	1635.61
Foreign Missions — sundry titles	32177.10	26403.44	924.80
Foreign Missions — refunds		71.54	27077.11
Foreign Missions — buildings	12000.00		
Immigrant Mission in Canada	5010.00		
Indian Missions — sundries	1475.21	150.00	
Indian Missions — teacher's residence		330.86	
Initial envelopes		2545.05	2038.76
Japan Mission			1.00
Jewish Mission — residence	2500.00		
Legacies and bequests	31809.55	68561.17	34469.40
Loans — secured	2800.00	9000.00	22108.00
Mexican Mission — buildings	18.10		
Negro Missions — sundry titles	22411.61	8228.55	1440.54
Notes Payable	525000.00	1075000.00	548700.00
Notes Receivable	102000.00	52700.00	15100.00
Permanent Support Fund	6303.32	10972.63	11375.09
Publicity materials		15.59	1071.00
Relief — general	2195.39	66319.13	3288.69
St. Louis Seminary — old		12525.35	1650.00
School-defense Fund	25.00	677.78	
South American Missions — sundry titles	3861.64	1481.61	2012.54
Springfield — dormitory equipment			501.46
Stocks			1000.00
Students' Fund	1383.54		
Sundry titles	47113.47	13274.71	8610.03
Suspense	89998.25	123619.64	76716.93
Synodical Treasury — sundries	111.44	7213.52	11598.80
Synodical Debt		35.00	108093.03
Undivided Earnings	49150.54	17136.46	21068.87
Total, 1926, as in A-6	\$2704807.13		
Total, 1927, as in A-7		\$1704601.25	
Total, 1928, as in A-8			\$1156590.49

X. LEGACIES.

Balance, January 30, 1926 \$158243.98

NEW LEGACIES AND BEQUESTS.

Annuity Endowment — L. Kaemper	\$10400.00
Gevert Arfmann Bequest	1000.00
August Arndt Bequest	200.00
Marcus Beckmann Bequest	750.00
Augusta K. Behrens Bequest	10000.00

Alvina Rosa Bergmann Bequest	1444.74
Hulda Beumer Bequest	500.00
Block Memorial	2000.00
G. T. Budach Legacy	1000.00
George Dierks Bequest	200.00
Dr. Doederlein Memorial	5250.00
Herman Eckhoff Bequest	333.74
Gustav H. Effler Bequest	5000.00
Mary Caroline Ellinger Bequest	1128.68
Charles Falsken Bequest	2000.00
August F. Geisler Bequest	125.79
John and Wilhelmine Gerding Bequest	300.00
Hackstedde Donation	5102.50
Elizabeth Hoffmann Bequest	100.00
Wilhelmine Keim Bequest	231.00
Herman Keller Bequest	100.00
Kellerbauer Bequest	405.65
Gottlob Kluegel Bequest	700.00
Thomas Koeneke Bequest	225.53
Bertha Koester Bequest	4000.00
Minna Koreike Bequest	190.00
Karoline Kreigkemeyer Bequest	300.00
J. Loesch Endowment	2000.00
August Mahnke Bequest	5451.96
J. Adolf Mollenhauer Bequest	5000.00
"Our Redeemer Fund"	812.72
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Petermann Bequest	300.00
Selma Pieper Bequest	100.00
A. Pollmann Legacy	500.00
Carl Putzig Endowment	200.00
Heinrich Radtke Bequest	50.00
St. Louis Seminary Students' Fund	35867.51
St. Louis Seminary Indigent Students' Endowment	150.00
Carl Sander Bequest	1344.69
G. P. A. Schaaf Bequest	2650.20
Conrad Schmidt Bequest	1000.00
Gotthard Schulz Bequest	50.00
Anna Schuricht Bequest	60.00
Frederick Schwartz Bequest	479.75
Chas. Spilman Bequest	500.00
Springfield Concordia Seminary Students' Fund	11564.00
Charles Strehlow Bequest	1000.00
Dorothea Tiemann Bequest	1900.00
Jacob Vollmer Bequest	1000.00
Dora Wellmann Bequest	914.50
Henry C. Wendt Bequest	600.00
Winfield Girls' Dormitory Fund	1146.76
Winfield Indigent Students' Fund	988.20
Martha Zollmann Bequest	1000.00

Total new legacies and bequests	\$129617.92
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EARNINGS.

Holst Endowment	\$ 186.90
Mohr Legacy	335.63
Raithel Legacy	2918.44
St. Louis Seminary Students' Fund	729.58
Stutz Legacy	925.73
All other earnings	27768.24

Total earnings	32864.52
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\$320726.42

DISBURSEMENTS.		
To Synod's Debt: —		
General Legacies	\$ 997.50	
Beumer Bequest	500.00	
Loresch Endowment	95.00	
Mech Fund	78.85	
Mollenhauer Bequest	5000.00	
Nikkel Legacy	142.50	
Sander Bequest	1344.69	
Schaaf Legacy	23.75	
Schuricht Legacy	80.00	
Schuricht Bequest	15.00	
Stutz Legacy	319.49	
	<hr/>	\$ 8596.78
To Budget Treasury: —		
General Legacies	\$2100.00	
Bergmann Bequest	1300.00	
Dierks Bequest	200.00	
Gerding Bequest	300.00	
Hoffmann Bequest	100.00	
Loresch Endowment	70.83	
Mech Fund	166.00	
Nikkel Legacy	300.00	
Pieper Bequest	100.00	
Putzig Endowment	23.81	
Schulz Bequest	50.00	
Schuricht Legacy	160.00	
Schwartz Bequest	479.75	
Stutz Legacy	606.24	
Wendt Bequest	600.00	
	<hr/>	6556.63
To Board of Support: —		
Annuity Endowment	\$ 22.13	
Annuity Endowment — Kaemper ..	1704.46	
Becker Legacy	14.75	
Board of Support Legacy	14.75	
L. and E. B. Legacy	147.50	
Busse Legacy	29.50	
Durr Legacy	561.93	
Eiffler Bequest	300.00	
Fuelling Legacy	14.75	
Goeppinger Legacy	295.00	
Greb Legacy	221.25	
Hamann Legacy	206.50	
Harms Legacy	737.50	
Kluegel Bequest	300.00	
Koelling Legacy	29.50	
Mahnke Bequest	1817.32	
Nachtigall Legacy	29.50	
Ortner Legacy	36.87	
Raithel Legacy	2918.44	
Reuter Legacy	73.75	
Schmidt Legacy	73.75	
Schnake Legacy	14.75	
Schultz Legacy	147.50	
Starke Legacy	1327.50	
Strehlow Bequest	1000.00	
Strobecke Legacy	147.50	
Thuernau Legacy	73.75	
	<hr/>	12260.15

To Church Extension Fund: —		
Arfmann Bequest	\$973.25	
Arndt Bequest	100.00	
Koeneke Bequest	112.77	
Ladwig Endowment	73.75	
	<hr/>	1259.77
To Deaf-mute Missions: —		
Eiffler Bequest	\$500.00	
Kluegel Bequest	100.00	
	<hr/>	600.00
To European Missions: —		
Schuricht Bequest		15.00
To Foreign Missions: —		
Beckmann Bequest	\$ 250.00	
Block Memorial	158.04	
Budach Legacy	115.00	
Eckhoff Bequest	111.25	
Ellinger Bequest	282.17	
Foreign Missions Legacy	147.50	
Foreign Missions Endowment	73.75	
Gehrke Legacy	70.80	
Hackstedde Donation	5000.00	
Heinz Legacy	265.50	
Keller Bequest	100.00	
Kellerbauer Bequest	55.95	
Koester Bequest	1000.00	
Kreigkemeyer Bequest	300.00	
Petermann Bequest	100.00	
Schmidt Bequest	500.00	
Schuricht Bequest	15.00	
Spilman Bequest	500.00	
Tiemann Bequest	950.00	
Tredup Endowment	29.50	
Wellmann Bequest	914.50	
	<hr/>	10938.96
To Foreign-tongue Missions: —		
Beckmann Bequest		250.00
To Home Missions: —		
Beckmann Bequest	\$ 250.00	
Block Memorial	158.04	
Dierkson Legacy	73.75	
Endowment Fund for Home Mis-		
sions	26.85	
Geisler Bequest	125.79	
Heinz Legacy	398.25	
Koreike Bequest	190.00	
Mohn Legacy	1032.50	
Savings of a Pastor's Wife	147.50	
Schoenrich Legacy	44.25	
Steinfath Legacy	7.02	
Vollmer Bequest	1000.00	
Zollmann Bequest	1000.00	
	<hr/>	4453.95
To Indian Missions: —		
Eiffler Bequest	\$300.00	
Scheel Legacy	36.87	
	<hr/>	336.87
To Jewish Mission: —		
Eiffler Bequest		200.00

To Negro Missions: —

Arndt Bequest	\$ 100.00
Durr Legacy	561.92
Eckhoff Bequest	111.24
Eiffler Bequest	200.00
Heinz Legacy	265.50
Holst Endowment	36.90
Kluegel Bequest	100.00
"Our Redeemer Fund"	358.93
Petermann Bequest	100.00
Ploetz Endowment	162.25
Scheel Legacy	36.88
Schmidt Bequest	500.00
Schuricht Bequest	15.00
Tiemann Bequest	950.00

3498.62

To Synodical Building Fund: —

Eiffler Bequest	\$1000.00
Mahnke Bequest	1817.32

2817.32

To Synodical Treasury: —

Altwasser Legacy	\$ 29.50
Aulich Legacy	147.50
Holst Endowment	150.00
Keim Bequest	231.00
Mohr Legacy	382.30

940.30

To Indigent Students: —

Barthels Legacy	\$ 729.77
Block Memorial	632.12
Burke Legacy	73.75
Durr Legacy	561.93
Ellinger Bequest	846.51
Heitmueller Legacy	147.50
Hochwart Legacy	14.75
Horst Scholarship Foundation	1500.00
Indigent Students' Fund	147.50
Jorn Legacy	147.50
Kluegel Bequest	200.00
Koester Bequest	1000.00
Landre Legacy	295.00
Mahnke Bequest	1817.32
Mueller Legacy	59.00
Poetsch Legacy	147.50
St. Louis Students' Fund	4459.91
St. Louis Students' Endowment	100.64
St. Louis Students' Legacy	147.50
Schaaf Legacy	50.00
Scheel Legacy	73.75
Springfield Students' Fund	639.76
Springfield Students' Legacy	147.50
Starke Legacy	147.50
Succop Legacy	295.00
Tiarks Legacy	737.50
Weisbrodt Legacy	96.90
Willner Legacy	459.25
Winfield Students' Fund	15.70
Zuttermeister Legacy	278.81

15969.87

To Bronxville Library: —

Lamprecht Endowment	150.00
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150.00

To Concordia Old Folks' Home, Marwood, Pa.: —		
Heinz Legacy	265.50	
To Deaf-mute Institute, Detroit, Mich.: —		
Heinz Legacy	\$265.50	
Koeneke Bequest	56.38	
To Eastern District Home Missions: —		321.88
Schoenrich Legacy		44.25
To Mission in Pittsburgh, Pa.: —		
Heinz Legacy	265.50	
To Mission in Bavaria, Germany: —		
Kastenhuber Legacy	1326.62	
To Mission in Saxony, Germany: —		
Petermann Bequest	100.00	
To Students at Zehlendorf, Germany: —		
Dr. R. J. G. Legacy	368.75	
To Native Students in India: —		
Reisig Endowment	195.00	
To Feeble-minded and Epileptic Institute, Watertown, Wis.: —		
Eiffler Bequest	\$1000.00	
Ladwig Endowment	36.87	
To Wheat Ridge Sanitarium: —		1036.87
Eiffler Bequest	\$1000.00	
Ladwig Endowment	36.88	
To Hospital in Ambur, India: —		1036.88
Doederlein Memorial	630.56	
To New York Home-finding Society: —		
Eiffler Bequest	500.00	
To California Concordia College: —		
Koeneke Bequest	56.38	
To St. Louis Seminary: —		
Behrens Bequest	\$10000.00	
Pollmann Legacy	11.88	
St. Louis Seminary Legacy	531.40	
Winter Bequest	1000.00	
To Western District Home Missions: —		11543.28
Eckhoff Bequest	\$ 111.25	
Koester Bequest	1000.00	
To Lutheran Laymen's League: —		1111.25
Falsken Bequest	2000.00	
To North Wisconsin District Home Missions: —		
Radtke Bequest	50.00	
Administration Expense	101.43	
Attorney's Fees	144.74	
Total disbursements		\$89943.11
Balance, January 31, 1929		\$230783.31

Y. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

January 31, 1929.

Current Assets: —**Synod's Assets.**

Cash	\$ 45335.32	
Accounts Receivable: —		
Western Canadian Districts	\$ 3699.13	
Texas District	25000.00	
Western District	13203.09	
	<u>41902.22</u>	
Notes Receivable	105488.20	
Permanent Trust Fund Investments: —		\$192725.74
Bonds	\$305550.00	
Loans (secured)	94451.15	
Stocks (received by gift)	301.00	
Deferred Charges: —		400302.15
Collection envelopes	\$ 4910.06	
Publicity	10607.43	
School-defense Fund	5147.31	
	<u>20664.80</u>	
Total assets		\$613692.69

Current Liabilities: — Synod's Liabilities.

Accounts Payable: —		
Accrued liabilities: Negro Missions	\$ 9611.51	
Accrued liabilities: Building Fund	41433.44	
Church Extension Fund	279086.29	
Relief Fund	15217.16	
Relief Emergency Fund	50000.00	
St. Louis Seminary—old property	10455.62	
Sundry accounts	9021.75	
	<u>\$414825.77</u>	
Notes Payable	3600.00	
Budget Accounts Payable: —		\$418425.77
Building Fund	\$240377.47	
Contingent Reserve Fund	54496.34	
Deaf-mute Building Fund	1895.57	
Foreign Building Fund	50060.63	
Negro Building Fund	15588.60	
Permanent Trust Funds: —		362418.61
Annuity Endowments	\$ 55155.94	
Legacies	230783.31	
Permanent Support Fund	109373.80	
	<u>395313.05</u>	
Undivided Earnings	80439.07	
Total liabilities		\$1256596.50
Total assets		613692.69
Deficit, or amount of liabilities in excess of assets		\$642903.81

The deficit shown above was caused by excess expenditures during the years 1922—1927 in the treasuries listed below as shown in the first column. The receipts for "Synod's Debt" during 1928 have been apportioned as shown in the second column below, leaving deficits as of January 31, 1929, as shown in the last column.

	Deficit January 31, 1928	Share of Synod's Debt Fund Receipts	Deficit January 31, 1929
Board of Support	\$ 34158.36	\$ 4917.66	\$ 29240.70
Deaf-mute Missions	32755.77	4716.55	28039.22
European Missions	45070.16	6488.76	38581.40
Foreign Missions	89699.14	12914.81	76784.33
Foreign-tongue Missions	22802.86	3282.77	19520.09
Home Missions	126716.35	18243.36	108472.99
Immigrant and Seamen's Missions...	2916.60	419.54	2497.06
Indian Missions	5005.99	721.21	4284.78
Jewish Mission	2643.82	380.61	2263.21
South American Missions	43208.93	6220.61	36988.32
Synodical Treasury	346053.86	49822.15	296231.71
	<u>\$751031.84</u>		
	<u>108128.03</u>	<u>\$108128.03</u>	
Deficit, January 31, 1929	<u>\$642903.81</u>		<u>\$642903.81</u>

Mr. Theo. W. Eckhart, who has prepared this Treasurer's Report, has arranged it so as to make cross-references within the report and comparative references to previous reports quite easy. The numbers and letters at the beginning of the respective lines identify each account. Section V gives by years an interesting account of the totals of disbursements in our synodical expense account. — The paragraph on Assets and Liabilities (Y) must not be taken to include all of Synod's assets. The Treasurer's office has not carried ordinary property accounts. Synod's books, therefore, do not contain any "inventories" (real estate, improvements, furniture, and other chattels). The assets listed include only book items; but it is conservatively estimated that Synod's property under a fair appraisal would probably total over \$10,000,000. If certain proposals that will be made to this present convention of Synod carry, the Treasurer's books in the future will reflect the property values.

The undersigned takes the liberty of directing Synod's particular attention to Paragraph Y. The last item under "Deferred Charges" shows a balance of \$5,147.31 listed as an asset of Synod. This is not an asset, but a payment made by my office in the work of school defense, for which there has been no appropriation or collection. This item has been carried on my books for several years, and it is respectfully recommended that Synod authorize the Board of Directors to charge this item off to the Synodical Treasury in order to get it off my books.

It would not be polite to close this report without an expression of thanks to a number of people who have been of material assistance in the conduct of Synod's treasury. Theo. W. Eckhart, the Financial Secretary, continues to supervise and, in part, to conduct all the bookkeeping connected with the Treasurer's office; a committee consisting of Messrs. A. G. Brauer, Robert H. Leonhardt, and Walter Schlueter has rendered valuable services as Controlling Board when-

ever the Treasurer had investments to make; a committee consisting of Messrs. Ewald Schuettner, Chas. Burde, and Richard Borrenpohl has continued to serve as Fiduciary Committee, at least one of them always being present whenever the Treasurer had occasion to visit Synod's safety-deposit box. Mr. S. T. G. Smith, who died on April 5, 1929, continued up to his death to serve Synod, particularly Synod's treasury, as legal adviser. His services were tendered free of charge.

In conclusion, reference is made to the attest of both audits, that by the Synodical Committee, Mr. W. F. Lottmann, chairman, and that by the professional accountants Jeff K. Stone.

Respectfully submitted,

E. SEUEL, *Treasurer*.

Recommendations of Committee 17 Regarding the Treasurer's Report.

We recommend, a) that Synod accept the report of our Synodical Treasurer, Mr. E. Seuel, pages 174 to 192 of the *Reports and Memorials*, including the report of the Legacy Officer, together with the attest of the Board of Auditors annually printed in our synodical papers *Lutheraner* and *Lutheran Witness*; b) that Synod extend a vote of thanks to our Treasurer, Mr. E. Seuel, for his loyal and efficient services; also to the gentlemen who so ably assisted him: Mr. Theodore W. Eckhart, the Financial Secretary, Messrs. A. G. Brauer, Robert H. Leonhardt, and Walter Schlueter, who served as Board of Control when the Treasurer had investments to make; to Messrs. Ewald Schuettner, Charles Burde, and Richard Borrenpohl, who acted as Fiduciary Committee; to Messrs. Wm. Lottmann, O. E. Fischer, and Wm. H. Roschke, Board of Auditors, and finally to the "Pay Synod's Debt" Committee for the efforts being made to raise \$750,000 to pay off Synod's debts. Mr. S. T. G. Smith, who died on April 5, 1929, served Synod and Synod's Treasurer up to his death as legal adviser free of charge, which herewith is gratefully recorded.

As requested by the Treasurer in his report, page 192, regarding an item of \$5,147.31 listed in Paragraph "Y" under "deferred charges" as an asset of Synod, but which is in fact a payment made by the Treasurer's office for the work of school defense, for which no appropriation has been made or collected, we recommend that this item be stricken from Synod's assets and charged off to the synodical treasury and so be made to disappear from the Treasurer's books.

All these recommendations were *adopted* by Synod.

Auditors' Report.

Pursuant to the rules of Synod we respectfully submit the following report covering our activities since our election in June, 1928.

2. Mr. Wm. Schroeder, who was elected a member of our Board, did not accept the office. Dr. Pfothenhauer appointed Mr. Wm. Lott-

mann to serve in his stead. The Board of Auditors organized by electing Mr. Wm. Lottmann chairman and Mr. W. H. Roschke secretary, these, together with Mr. Oscar E. Fischer, constituting the Board.

3. It is proper that we acknowledge the whole-hearted cooperation that we experienced with the many auditing committees appointed by your President. At the present moment only three reports of audit are outstanding, *viz.*, those of the St. Louis Concordia Seminary and River Forest Teachers' College for the year ending June 30, 1928, and that of the Board of Support for the year ending January 31, 1929. All the other required reports enumerated below were received and approved.

	Fiscal Year Ending	
	June 30, 1927	June 30, 1928
St. Louis Seminary	*	—
Springfield Seminary	*	*
River Forest College	*	—
Fort Wayne College	*	*
Milwaukee College	*	*
St. Paul College	*	*
Concordia College	*	*
Seward College	*	*
Bronxville College	*	*
Winfield College	*	*
Conover College	*	*
Oakland College	*	*
Portland College	*	*
Edmonton College	*	*
Austin College	*	*
Porto Alegre Seminary	*	*
St. Louis Building Committee		(final audit) *
Negro Missions	*	*

	Fiscal Year Ending		
	January 31, 1927	January 31, 1928	January 31, 1929
Treasurer of Synod	*	*	*
Foreign Missions	*	*	*
South American Missions	*	*	*
European Missions	*	*	*
Deaf-mute Missions	*	*	*
Indian Missions	*	*	*
Immigrant and Seamen's Missions ..	*	*	*
Foreign-tongue Missions	*	*	*
Jewish Mission	*	*	*
General Relief	*	*	*
Board of Support	*	*	—
L. L. L. Endowment Fund	*	*	*
Church Extension Board	*	*	*
Immigrant Mission, Canada	*	*	*
European Relief	*	*	*
School Board	*	*	*
Old Seminary Custodian (St. Louis) ..	*	*	*

	April 30, 1927	April 30, 1928	April 30, 1929
Concordia Publishing House	*	*	†
Home Missions. (No report required.)			

† See page 132.

4. As has been the custom, professional auditors were engaged to keep Concordia Publishing House and the Treasurer of Synod under continuous audit. The books of the Church Extension Board and those of the St. Louis Seminary Building Committee were also audited professionally. Negro Missions do not come under our jurisdiction, yet this Board presented copies of professional auditors' reports for our examination.

5. Study of the numerous reports submitted to us disclosed certain facts and observations which should be brought to your attention. As an instance, there are very few treasurers of boards and commissions under bond. We believe that *every one* entrusted with the handling of Synod's funds should furnish an adequate fidelity bond, the amount to be fixed and the premium to be paid by the respective board or commission and the bond to be filed with Synod's Board of Directors.

6. We also found that a number of boards had borrowed money, some of them in the name of Synod. We believe that these boards acted in good faith and in the best interests of the purpose to be served when negotiating such loans. Yet such practise establishes a bad precedent and may at times cause Synod considerable embarrassment. We believe that the Synod should declare itself as opposed to such a practise by resolving that the Treasurer of Synod, *and he alone*, shall have the right to borrow money in the name of Synod and then only under the specific authority and instruction of Synod's Board of Directors.

7. The synodical convention of 1923 resolved "that all legacies be placed under the management and care of the General Body." Conforming to that resolution, several of Synod's institutions have turned over their legacy funds to Synod's Treasurer. A number of others have not yet done so. In resultant correspondence the terminology of Synod's resolution has been brought into question. We have interpreted the word "legacies" to mean trust funds of every description. In order to clarify the issue, we respectfully recommend that Synod repeal its resolution of 1923 as recorded in the proceedings of its thirty-second convention, page 209, reading as above, and that it

Resolve, That all permanent trust funds of Synod and of all departments of Synod, of whatever nature, be held in trust by Synod's Treasurer until or unless Synod itself shall provide otherwise.

8. Synod now controls funds aggregating over \$3,000,000. It is reasonable to assume that this amount will increase continually from year to year. As the amount grows, so also does the responsibility of management. At present these funds are not uniformly administered, as part of them are under the care of a special board of Synod governed by certain rules, while others are in the care of the Treasurer of Synod under different rules. We have reason to believe that

the trustees of the Lutheran Laymen's League Endowment Fund are requesting the Synod to change its rules regarding the character of their investments and that they propose to place the fund in the care of a responsible trust company, the management of the fund to rest with a committee consisting of some of the trustees and of representatives of the trust company. We suggest that Synod authorize and instruct its Board of Directors to make a similar arrangement regarding all other trust funds of Synod, the Board of Directors to appoint the trustees, select the trust company, and approve the trust agreement. Synod's rules regarding the character of investments for the L. L. L. Endowment Fund should also govern all other trust funds of Synod.

9. It is a matter of common knowledge that Synod owns real and personal property valued at many millions of dollars. Its real estate consists of many individual tracts, with improvements thereon, located in many parts of the world. Yet there is no centralized place where the deeds to these properties may be found, nor are these holdings properly inventoried or placed upon the books of Synod. An inventory of all Synod's properties ought to be made, and the value of such inventoried holdings ought to be placed on the books of Synod. The deeds and other supporting documents ought to be on file in the office of Synod and a definite responsibility attached to their safe-keeping. Hence we suggest the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That we authorize and instruct our Board of Directors, and it is hereby authorized and instructed, to make, or cause to be made, an inventory of Synod's real estate; such inventory to show the location, legal description, and the value placed on the land and the improvements thereon, and to contain such other facts relating to Synod's properties as the Board of Directors may require.

10. To execute the foregoing resolution, Synod would find it necessary to employ the services of a competent person for an indefinite period. That consideration gives us the courage to approach our next point. The audits now made by the many audit committees appointed by your President are good as far as they go, but, of necessity, they cannot be made as circumspectly and intelligently as they could be made by some one whose business it would be to keep posted on all of Synod's rules and regulations and the resolutions of Synod's Board of Directors. We have in mind a *synodical auditor*, who would devote his entire time to the fiscal business of Synod in all its branches. He could audit every department of Synod, and such audits would be properly coordinated. Thus the cost of professional audits would be reduced to a minimum. He could be employed in systematizing the accounting of our colleges and missions, bringing about more uniform practise and making the accounting more effi-

cient. He could overcome some lost motion and a certain amount of overlapping which now exists, but which cannot be corrected otherwise except by the expenditure of a relatively large sum for professional accountants and expert advisers. He could make Synod's inventory and maintain it. He could be instrumental in perfecting our deed files. His collective knowledge would be of great aid in preparing the annual budget. Finally, there would be an understudy who would be qualified to perform the duties of the Financial Secretary at any time. We therefore respectfully recommend the following resolutions to Synod for consideration and eventual adoption:—

Resolved, That the Board of Directors, in conjunction with the Board of Auditors, employ a competent, well-qualified communicant member of a member congregation of Synod as auditor and fix his salary, which shall be paid out of the Synodical Treasury; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That the auditor, under the direction of the Board of Auditors, shall audit all departments of Synod; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That the auditor shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Auditors, Synod's Board of Directors collaborating; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board of Auditors shall have the privilege of auditing, or causing an audit to be made, of any department of Synod at any time, independent of the audits hereinbefore provided.

All previous resolutions of Synod not in accord with, or contrary to, these resolutions are hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted by your

BOARD OF AUDITORS.

WM. LOTTMANN. O. E. FISCHER. W. H. ROSCHKE.

Action.

Synod took the following action regarding the report of the Board of Auditors:—

As to Paragraph 3, the committee reported: "All boards, with the exception of those of the seminaries at St. Louis and River Forest, reported, and these reports were audited. We regret that the committees of audit of these institutions did not report, and we urge that this be speedily done."—Synod *adopted* this recommendation.

As to Paragraph 5, it was *resolved*, upon recommendation of the committee, that such fidelity bonds be required.

As to Paragraph 6, the recommendation of the committee was *adopted* "that Synod declare that the Treasurer of Synod, and he alone, shall have the right to borrow money in the name of Synod, and then only under specific authority and instruction of Synod's Board of Directors."

Concerning Paragraphs 7 and 8 the following committee report was *adopted*:—

"We recommend that, whenever the terms under which such funds were obtained do not prevent this, all permanent trust funds of Synod and of all departments of Synod, of whatever nature, be held in trust by Synod's Treasurer until or unless Synod itself shall provide otherwise.

"Synod had adopted the resolution offered by the Special Board of the L. L. L. Endowment Fund as recommended by Committee 18 on "Board of Support," page 208: 'The fund shall be invested in Government or high-class State and municipal bonds, and in other high-grade revenue-producing loans, offering in all cases a maximum of security and a reasonable return on the investment.' We now recommend, as suggested by the Board of Auditors, page 195, that Synod's rules regarding the character of the investments for the L. L. L. Endowment Fund should also govern all other trust funds of Synod.

"Synod has also authorized the Special Board of the L. L. L. Endowment Fund to make custodian account arrangements with a Trust Company of high standing and reputation.

"We recommend that Synod authorize its Board of Directors to make a similar arrangement regarding all other trust funds of Synod, the Board of Directors to appoint the trustees, select the trust company, and approve the trust agreement."

As to Paragraph 9, the recommendation of the committee was to adopt the resolutions in Paragraph 9, with the adoption of the words "as soon as feasible" after the words "caused to be made." The paragraph was so *adopted* by Synod.

As to Paragraph 10, the committee reported: "We heartily recommend the adoption of all resolutions in Paragraph 10." Synod therefore *resolved to adopt* all the recommendations in the report of the General Board of Auditors concerning the appointment of a full-time General Auditor.

Resolutions of the Fiscal Conference Regarding Funds in Group "A" and "B."

"The following resolution, passed by the Fiscal Conference held in St. Louis on May 16 and 17, 1928, and tentatively acted upon by the Treasurer of Synod, is respectfully submitted to you for ratification:—

"WHEREAS, We believe it contrary to the general wishes of Synod to disburse considerably more money than is received; be it therefore

"*Resolved*, That the Synodical Treasurer distribute the budget receipts at the end of the fiscal year in such a proportion that the approved budget requirements in Group "A" be fully met; and be it further

“*Resolved*, That Group “B” shall receive such amounts as will remain after Group “A” has been taken care of, it being understood that the Districts receive their proportionate refunds of the Church Extension contributions as heretofore.”

All recommendations of Committee 17 and these resolutions of the Fiscal Conference were ratified by Synod.

Finally the whole report of Committee 17 was *adopted*.

Report of the Board of Support.

(Memorial 611.)

The undersigned Board herewith submits to the Ven. Synod its report for the years 1926, 1927, and 1928.

The Board met regularly for the transaction of such business as came before it under the rules and regulations of Synod. In these three years we granted 236 new requests for support, which were duly recommended by the respective District boards. This, on the average, means 79 applications a year. During the same period 136 applications were canceled, the most of them on account of the death of the applicant, the others because the beneficiary became self-supporting. The net increase of the number of applications in force was 100. In December, 1925, we mailed 543 checks; in December, 1928, 643 checks.

The increase of disbursements was in proportion. In 1926 we remitted \$242,669.68; in 1928, \$284,283.50. A tabulation showing the apportionment of this amount to the various Districts is available.

On the first of January, 1927, we increased the average allowance to our beneficiaries by about 10 per cent. In view of the deficit we refrained from further increases. It has been our aim to grant to every applicant an allowance in proportion to his or her need as set forth in the application. At present the average allowance for married men is \$55 a month; for unmarried, \$35; for widows, \$28; for children under 17, \$12. We would suggest that Synod direct us in the regulation of the average amount to be granted.

Once every year all applications in force were renewed and carefully readjusted in accordance with the recommendations made by the District boards.

The Support Conference.

The Support Conference, composed of representatives of all District boards and the General Board, was recognized by Synod. It has not met since 1926. We intend to meet immediately before the coming convention of Synod in order to discuss such subjects as refer to our work. The District boards have cooperated with us in a most satisfactory manner.

Invested Funds.

Our invested funds have made little progress in the last three years. The third million of the Lutheran Laymen's League Endowment Fund is still incomplete, although several thousand dollars were added every year.

In 1925 the Permanent Support Fund had a balance of \$81,167.76. On January 31, 1929, it had increased to \$109,373.80.

The cash legacies, not including the Raithel Farm, total about \$44,000.

The income from these funds could be greatly enhanced if Synod would permit investments in other than Government and municipal bonds.

We trust that Synod will give the completion of the Endowment that attention which it deserves.

Annuity Gifts.

Synod granted the Board of Support the privilege to accept Annuity Gifts in order to increase the invested funds for the benefit of the Veteran of the Cross, his widow and his orphans. We trust that this privilege will not be abrogated or curtailed. We have made 23 annuity agreements for a total of \$42,362.10. Almost half of this amount is matured and was added to the Permanent Fund. The annuity plan deserves all the publicity it can be given and the hearty recommendation of all members of Synod.

Memorials.

The praiseworthy and beneficial custom of remembering the dead by a bequest to the Permanent Support Fund is becoming more popular with congregations, societies, and individuals. The support of the invalid, the widow, and the orphan evidently is the most natural and appropriate purpose to which these gifts could be designated. We furnish engraved memorial cards gratis.

Personal Contributions.

The practise of our professors, pastors, and teachers of making a voluntary contribution annually for the cause of support in addition to their regular gift to Synod's budget dates back to the very beginning of Synod. In 1905 Synod adopted a resolution requesting all pastors' and teachers' conferences to elect a solicitor who should seek to obtain this contribution from all members of his conference. This resolution was not universally carried out, although Synod corroborated it in almost every succeeding session. Since the creation of the General Board in 1917 and the first meeting of the Support Conference in 1918 concerted efforts have been made in all Districts to carry out Synod's resolution. One of the difficulties encountered

is the obtaining of reports from all solicitors. It appears, however, that last year about \$10,000 was received from this source for the Permanent Support Fund.

In 1926 the Support Conference discussed this matter at length and urged all servants of the Church to contribute, if at all possible, not less than \$10 a year toward the Permanent Support Fund. The following reasons were presented and concurred in:—

- 1) The definite, unmistakable, and unrepealed resolutions of Synod relative to this matter;
- 2) The law of love, which imposes upon us a special duty toward our fellow-workers and their dependents;
- 3) The example of our fathers and of many of our brethren in Synod to this day;
- 4) The fact that such special contribution does not militate against the principle that the congregation is to support its servants;
- 5) The example of other church organizations;
- 6) The fact that personal contributions will keep alive the personal and practical interest of our entire clergy in the cause of support.

Other good reasons could be added.

We would suggest that Synod authorize the Board of Support to systematize the personal contributions by combining them with the annuity plan in such a manner—

- 1) That a record will be kept of all contributions received in this way from every servant of the Church;
- 2) That the amount received will be increased by compound interest;
- 3) That from the time of his retirement or death the contributor or his dependents will receive an adequate annuity for life in proportion to the total contribution made. The residuum is to be added to the Permanent Support Fund.

The working out of the details could be left to a competent committee.

This plan would encourage those brethren who are willing to comply with Synod's request, and it would counteract the habit of putting their savings in unsafe and unprofitable investments.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF SUPPORT.

Board of Support Requirements.

The requirement of the Board of Support continues to grow from year to year. To-day it is one of the major items in Synod's budget. At different times various suggestions have been made leading to a change in the financing of this board. We believe that this subject

should be studied intensively by an independent committee, which shall consider all suggestions that have been made thus far as well as such as may come to its attention, get such expert advice as it may need, and report its findings at the next convention of Synod. Your Committee therefore recommends that such a committee be appointed by your President.

Respectfully submitted by the

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

Referring to these memorials, Committee 18 submitted the following report:—

Your Committee desires to express its gratification over the fact that the contributions of our people permitted an increase of 10 per cent. in the average allowance to the dependents by the Board of Support, so that the present average allowance for married men is now \$55 per month, for unmarried \$35 per month, for widows \$28, for children under 17 \$12.

Your board requests Synod to direct them in the regulation of the average allowance. Your Committee believes that Synod is hardly in a position to establish a table of allowance, as this will always be contingent upon the needs of the dependents and the funds available. We feel, however, that even the present increased allowances are inadequate and would strongly urge our congregations to give more consideration to the Veterans of the Cross.

We agree with the Committee on Appropriations that steps should be taken toward a change in the financing of the Board of Support.

For the support of the Veterans of the Cross the Board of Support has various sources of income. The Lutheran Laymen's League Fund has reached a total of \$2,642,738.24; the Permanent Support Fund \$109,373.80; cash legacies, not including the Raithel Farm, about \$44,000. Then there are annuity gifts amounting to \$42,362.10.

We heartily commend the Lutheran Laymen's League for their continued striving toward the completion of the Endowment Fund. May they, with the help of God, reach the goal of \$3,000,000 at an early date.

Whereas the invested funds of the Board of Support do not provide a sufficient return, we deem it advisable to take a further step toward making the Board of Support self-supporting and to this end recommend the following plan to build up the Annuity Fund:—

The Annuity Plan has already been adopted by Synod. The Board of Support, according to the report, already has made twenty-three annuity agreements for a total of \$42,362.10. Almost half of this amount it matured and was added to the funds of Synod. The Board of Support says: "The Annuity Plan deserves all the publicity

it can be given and the hearty recommendation of all members of Synod."

Your Committee is of the opinion that the Annuity Plan must be made more attractive to be successful. If the Annuity Plan is made more attractive to the servants of the Church, a large fund can be built up in the course of years, whereby the synodical budget will eventually be relieved of a heavy burden: To this end your Committee recommends:—

- 1) That a record be kept of all contributions of the servants of the Church for this purpose;
- 2) That the amount received shall be increased by proper investment;
- 3) That from the time of his retirement or death the contributor, respectively, his widow, shall receive an annuity for life or, in the case of children, for a definite period of years, in proportion to the total contributions made;
- 4) That this annuity shall be in addition to his allowance from the Board of Support;
- 5) That the residue remain the property of the Annuity Fund.
- 6) That the details of this plan be worked out by the Board of Support.

The Committee furthermore holds that the practise of making bequests to Synod and particularly to the Board of Support ought to be far more common than it is. Likewise, we desire to bring to the notice of our Christians the praiseworthy custom of contributing to the Support Fund by means of memorial wreaths.

This report with its recommendation was *adopted* by Synod.

Board of Support Transfer.

The following resolution, which explains itself, is recommended to Synod for adoption:—

WHEREAS, It appears that on April 30, 1925, the sum of \$25,000 was transferred from the account of the Board of Support to the credit of the Permanent Support Fund, said action being taken on the basis of a resolution adopted by Synod in June, 1923; and

WHEREAS, Synod at its convention in June, 1926, repealed its resolution of 1923 authorizing such transfer, but did not authorize the return of the \$25,000 to the treasury of the Board of Support; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Support was thus deprived of a large sum of money given for its purpose, which it now needs; and

WHEREAS, The Permanent Support Fund, which ostensibly is a fund built up of voluntary contributions of the ministers and teachers, now contains the sum of \$25,000 which was not so contributed; therefore be it

Resolved, That we authorize and instruct the Treasurer of Synod,

and he is hereby authorized and instructed, to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from the account of the Permanent Support Fund to the account of the Board of Support.

Respectfully submitted by the
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

Concerning this overture Committee 18 reported: —

"Your Committee recommends that the sum of \$25,000 which, on the basis of synodical resolution, was transferred from the Board of Support account to the Permanent Support Fund in 1924, remain a part of the Permanent Support Fund as we deem it unwise at any time to reduce a permanent fund."

Action.

Synod *adopted* the report of Committee 18.

Report of the Appropriations Committee.

Your Appropriations Committee, appointed by President Pfotenhauer, pursuant to a resolution of Synod's Board of Directors, was instructed as follows: —

- a) To study the financial status of Synod;
- b) To make a thorough survey and investigation of the individual requests for appropriations to Synod, weighing them as to their individual merit and as to their relation to a total attainable budget;
- c) To be prepared in due season to place its findings at the service of Synod itself and its respective committees.

During several protracted meetings your Committee endeavored to carry out its commission, and its findings are herewith respectfully submitted, your Committee being fully aware that its recommendations, irrespective of the manner of presentation, are merely suggestions to Synod.

I. Recommendations.

We recommend that Synod adopt the following resolutions: —

A-1. That the budget be arranged in two groups, "A" and "B," to be made up as follows: —

Group "A": —

All Missions.

Synodical Treasury.

Board of Support.

Minor Repairs and Minor Improvements at Our Colleges and Seminaries.

Contingent Reserve Fund.

Group "B": —

Synodical Debt.

Synodical Building Fund.

General Church Extension Fund.

All Mission Building Funds.

A-2. That all receipts (as heretofore) be credited to the *respective* funds for which they are received.

A-3. That the total offerings for the Budget Treasury be so distributed that the necessary disbursements of Group "A" items within their respective budgets be fully met.

A-4. That the balance of receipts in the Budget Treasury be so apportioned among the items in Group "B" that preference be given to the Synodical Debt.

(In this manner operating expenses would be met first before any expansion is undertaken, with the result that distressing debts in Synod's treasuries would be avoided.)

B. That the *maximum*, or largest, amount that should be appropriated by Synod for the three-year period — 1930—1932 — shall not exceed \$8,250,000.00. The distribution of this budget should be approximately as follows: —

For the Three Years.

Group "A"		\$6,000,000.00
Group "B": —		
Debt	\$ 600,000.00	
Synodical Buildings	1,000,000.00	
All Mission Buildings	350,000.00	
General Church Extension	300,000.00	
		<u>2,250,000.00</u>
Total for the three-year period		\$8,250,000.00

For Each Year.

1930.

Group "A"		\$2,000,000.00
Group "B": —		
Debt	\$600,000.00	
Synod's Building Fund	150,000.00	
		<u>750,000.00</u>
Total		\$2,750,000.00

1931.

Group "A"		\$2,000,000.00
Group "B": —		
Synodical Buildings	\$425,000.00	
Mission Buildings	175,000.00	
Church Extension	150,000.00	
		<u>750,000.00</u>
Total		\$2,750,000.00

1932.

Group "A"		\$2,000,000.00
Group "B": —		
Synodical Buildings	\$425,000.00	
Mission Buildings	175,000.00	
Church Extension	150,000.00	
		<u>750,000.00</u>
Total		\$2,750,000.00

C. That the Fiscal Office, the Fiscal Conference collaborating, develop and employ such ways and means as will induce an intensive effort on the part of all Districts, circuits, and congregations, during the fall of the year, to bring about a thorough *every-member canvass* for the needs of the congregation, District, and Synod, calling especial attention to the indebtedness of Synod, which has been included in the budget.

D. That a rising vote be taken on all resolutions of Synod involving, or pertaining to, appropriations of moneys. A two-thirds majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to pass such a resolution.

E. That we authorize the Board of Directors to erect the necessary professors' residences, borrowing the money to pay for these and then paying the interest and principal with the moneys ordinarily expended for rentals, wherever this is practical and feasible.

II. Arguments Favorable to the Recommendations.

a. Budget.

1. In studying the financial status of Synod, we were aided by numerous facts and statistics. A few of these will be adduced in order to substantiate our conclusions. To begin with, we found that the receipts from Districts for all budgeted purposes (including buildings and church extension funds) were:—

Average per Year.

1918—20	\$ 524,000.00
1921—23	1,138,000.00
1924—26	2,389,000.00
1927	1,843,479.00
1928	1,832,083.00

To these figures must be added the receipts from other sources, averaging about \$250,000 a year, making total receipts in excess of \$2,100,000 for 1927 and 1928. During the years 1927 and 1928 the disbursements for the so-called "A" Budget, including the operating expenses of all missions, the Synodical Treasury, and the Board of Support, were, respectively, \$1,572,525.83 and 1,607,436.63. Hence it is apparent that our receipts exceeded the Group "A" disbursements by more than \$500,000 each year. This fact directed attention to Memorials 606, 607, and 608, which advocate that the Church Extension Fund and the Building Fund be separated from the budget. If this were done, the budgets of congregations for District and Synod would be reduced below the amounts which are now raised by them for these purposes. Furthermore, many of our congregations have adapted themselves very successfully to Synod's present budget arrangement, finding it a very convenient method to make their synodical and District contributions. Finally, the present scheme

does not prevent collections for any one purpose within the budget. Hence our suggestions contained in Resolution A-1.

2. Your Committee gave much thought to the amount at which the budget should be fixed for the next three years. On the one hand, we have the experience of the last two years, during which our average receipts were about \$2,100,000. On the other hand, we have requests for the next triennium averaging about \$3,000,000 per annum. We feel that Synod should not appropriate the full amount requested, but that, by more consecrated, intelligent, intensive effort, the receipts should be increased. Hence, your Committee recommends an average annual budget of approximately \$2,750,000. (Resolution B.)

3. In considering the distribution of the average annual budget between Groups "A" and "B," your Committee unanimously agreed that the immediate task of Synod is not so much the expansion of our colleges and seminaries by the erection of new buildings as rather the expansion of Missions and Church Extension, these being the pressing needs to be met. A survey of the requests convinced your Committee that \$2,000,000 would about meet the requirements of Group "A." (Resolution B.)

4. Group "B" has been relieved of "Minor Repairs" and "Minor Improvements" because these items should not be contingent upon the state of the treasury. The requirements under these heads should be met as they arise. Hence our recommendation that they become part of Group "A." (Resolution A-1.)

5. We also call attention to the term "All Mission Buildings." It appears that some mission-building items have been included in Group "A" requests, and therefore the word *all* is used to clarify the situation. (Resolution A-1.)

b. Indebtedness.

1. During the years 1922—1927 Synod accumulated a debt in its operating accounts aggregating \$750,000. This debt was developed because the receipts did not measure up to the requirements of the budget. Due to the activity of "Pay Synod's Debt" Committee larger sums of money were donated by a number of our fellow-Christians, so that Synod's indebtedness has been decreased to about \$635,000. We are hopeful that this good work will go on, so that the indebtedness will be decreased to \$600,000 or less by the end of the year through the efforts of this committee.

2. Your Committee is of the opinion that the Synod's debt should be disposed of as quickly as possible, because its distressing and harmful effects are ever present. Many methods of disposing of it were considered. Finally we agreed to recommend that the debt of Synod, estimated at \$600,000, be made the major item of Group "B" budget for 1930. (Resolution B.)

3. Mindful of these distressing circumstances, your Committee considered it its task to develop ways and means whereby *future large deficits in Synod's various funds at the end of the respective fiscal years might be avoided*. Our recommendations are predicated on this premise. (Resolutions A-3, A-4.)

c. Colleges and Seminaries.

1. For synodical buildings your Committee recommends a budget of \$1,000,000 for the triennium, although the aggregate of all requests approximates \$2,600,000. (Resolution B.) At first glance it would appear as though your Committee had acted rather arbitrarily and in utter disregard of the requests before you. Yet, your Committee believes that it has acted in the spirit of its instructions and in the best interests of Synod in making its recommendations. It must be borne in mind that we encourage separate and distinct methods leading to the disposal of the items of professors' residences, minor repairs, and minor improvements, calling for a total of approximately \$630,000, and leaving requests for new buildings and other items approximating \$2,000,000. For these latter requests we recommend a budge of \$1,000,000, to which may be added the sum of \$250,000, more or less, which in all probability will accrue to the credit of buildings during the year 1929. Hence Synod might be justified in appropriating building items aggregating \$1,250,000.

2. How could your Committee presume that the sum of \$1,250,000 suggested above would be fair and reasonable in the face of requests aggregating \$2,000,000? To begin with, we have already pointed out our reasons for the maximum synodical budget previously suggested. The acceptance of that budget makes necessary the limiting of expenditures for buildings. We believe that Synod can well remain within this limit of building appropriations if it will be guided by the following principles: —

First. We believe that major repairs necessary to keep Synod's present properties in a serviceable state should have first consideration. Our present buildings will best serve their purpose for the longest possible period of time if repairs are made promptly, thoroughly, and substantially. The proposed budget can take care of all necessary major repairs.

Secondly. We hold that, although the reasons for making an appropriation for a new building were apparent and convincing in 1926, these same reasons may not be so apparent or convincing to-day. Hence, if an appropriation was made for a definite project in 1926, that fact in itself does not entitle such project to prior consideration at the present time. Circumstances may have changed, and time may have altered the requirements. So every request should be considered as of to-day and the arguments of to-day must be convincing.

Thirdly. The needs of any one individual institution should not

be considered by themselves, to the exclusion of others, but rather in conjunction with others. We should not construct a building at an individual institution to fit a present local need, nor should we extend or expand an institution unless the need of Synod at large requires such an expansion at this time.

We should view the considerations circumspectly, always keeping Synod's ability and the requirements of Synod at large before us. In other words, if we are reasonably certain that the present enrolment at an institution will continue and will for an indefinite number of years be required by Synod to fill its needs and that no other adjacent institution can offer relief, then the buildings should be erected that will accommodate the student-body. If, on the other hand, there is no assurance of a continued large enrolment at a particular institution; further, if Synod does not need the unusually large enrolment at the respective institution, but has supplied sufficient accommodations for its required number of students at other adjacent institutions, then no buildings should be erected at this time. Adjustments and relief will follow through the natural shifting of students from the overcrowded to the less crowded institutions.

To summarize:—

1. Synod's greatest present need is the expansion of its missions.
2. It will therefore need to appropriate much of its resources for missions and church extension.
3. Synod has at its disposal a large number of graduates; unless it expands its missions, it cannot place these candidates.
4. During the years 1921 to 1928 Synod has expanded some of its institutions and has replaced old buildings with new structures at others. Before any other extensive building operations are put into effect, we should ascertain to what extent present equipment will suffice to fill Synod's needs.

d. Church Extension.

Memorial 605 advocates that District funds find no place in the synodical budget. Report 302 requests a General Church Extension Budget of \$300,000 annually. Your Committee recommends that the budget contain nothing for the general fund in 1930, \$150,000 in 1931, and \$150,000 in 1932. (Resolution B.) We believe that a budget of \$300,000 for the triennium is sufficient and that, assuming that Synod adopts our recommendations regarding the debt, the debt-fund collections will make liquid the very substantial balance which the General Church Extension Fund now has (\$279,000 on January 31, 1929). This sum, together with the continual repayments on loans, should enable the General Church Extension Board to make such loans as seem to be urgent. Concerning District funds we endorse Memorial 605 and recommend that each District itself provide such funds as it can for its own program.

e. Miscellaneous.

Among the memorials before this convention there are a number advocating new policies and new departments or making other suggestions involving the expenditure of money. The sum of \$2,000,000 suggested for Group "A" of the budget will not only provide the funds for those items specifically enumerated in Resolution A, but will also accommodate the following items if adopted by Synod:—

- a) A "Central Department of Missions," as advocated in Memorial 315.
- b) A survey of our colleges, recommended in Memorials 122, 125, and 126.
- c) An appraisal of Synod's properties (cf. No. 603, § 9).
- d) The employment of an auditor (cf. No. 603, § 10).
- e) The limited gratis distribution of the proceedings of Synod's conventions (cf. No. 505).
- f) The limited gratis distribution of the *Statistical Year-book* (cf. No. 506).
- g) Student Welfare Work (cf. No. 303).

h) A "Board of Christian Education" (cf. Nos. 208—9). (Your Committee believes this department will not require any more funds than are at present at the disposal of the two separate boards concerned.)

The suggested budget would not cover the cost of—

- i) The extension of our college courses, as recommended in Memorials 121, 123, 124, and 128.
- j) African Missions (cf. No. 312).
- k) Larger appropriations for publicity at our colleges (cf. No. 130).

f. Conclusion.

The experiences of your Committee have been such as to convince it that much good could be accomplished in the future if an Appropriations Committee were made a permanent institution. We were unable to carry out our full commission, namely, "to make a thorough survey and investigation of the *individual requests*," etc., because of lack of time. Ample time for investigation and study would place the committee in a position where its recommendations could be made more detailed and circumspect. Such a committee should be appointed by the Board of Directors or the President of Synod.

Action.

The report of the Committee on Appropriations was given much consideration during the first sessions of the convention, being submitted to all delegates in printed form. The whole report was read,

and then the individual paragraphs and recommendations were read and explained. Especially the recommendations A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, B, C, D, and E were discussed at length, some of these being first referred back to Committee 17, which had recommended all these points for adoption. Finally all recommendations were adopted by Synod, also the last one, under II, f, that the Committee on Appropriations be made a permanent institution, and that its report be submitted to all delegates previous to the synodical conventions. (To recommendation "E" the addition was made that the Board of Directors may also erect other residences on the campus, according to the same plan.)

This action also disposed of Memorial 604 containing *recommendations regarding the budget*.

Regarding Memorial 605: "*Overture for the Budget of the Church Extension Board*," Committee 17 reported: "We call attention to the fact that this also is taken care of in the report of the Appropriations Committee, II, d, last sentence. We recommend that the suggestion contained in Memorial 605 and endorsed by the Appropriations Committee be adopted: That each District itself provide for such funds as it can for its own program and that only so much be set aside in the budget for General Church Extension as is needed for the supported Districts.

This recommendation was *adopted* by Synod.

Report and Recommendations of the Special Board of the Lutheran Laymen's League Endowment Fund.

(Memorial 612.)

A. The Report.

Your Special Board of the Lutheran Laymen's League Endowment Fund herewith submits its report for the years 1926—1929.

On June 30, 1926, the standing members of the Board met and reappointed Messrs. Paul Schulze and John A. Leschen the sixth and seventh members of the Board. President FASTER of the Lutheran Laymen's League was appointed chairman; Pastor M. F. Kretzmann, secretary; Mr. Paul Schulze, treasurer. President Pfotenhauer and Messrs. Pritzlaff and Schulze were elected as executive committee.

Seven meetings of the Board were held. At the second meeting, July 30, 1926, the treasurer of the Lutheran Laymen's League turned over \$250,000 for the Endowment Fund. The chief business of these meetings, however, was the matter of reinvesting the Liberty Bonds which are being recalled, the Government offering bonds with a reduced income. The difficulties met with in this connection led to the first recommendation attached to this report.

Another problem, repeatedly discussed, were the growing diffi-

connected with the reinvestment of bonds. This does not only require an intimate acquaintance with the ever-changing conditions of the money market, but also much attention to details, such as no member of the Board can give without making great personal and business sacrifices, while seeing that the fund is safely and profitably invested at all times. In this connection a proposition of the Illinois Merchants' Trust Company of Chicago was carefully studied, which offers its services in connection with the custody of the fund at a reasonable rate. This led to the second recommendation.

B. The Recommendations.

Recommendation No. 1. Concerning a Change of the Rules Governing the Investment of the Endowment Fund.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted in a meeting of the Special Board, November 22, 1928, and is hereby submitted to the Ven. Synod with the recommendation that the old rulings be changed or modified accordingly:—

"WHEREAS, The bond market has materially changed in several respects since 1920; and

"WHEREAS, Section 2e (1924 edition of *Synodical Handbook*, p. 87) for the regulation of the administration of the L. L. L. Endowment Fund no longer reflects a wise financial policy, as its operation unduly reduces the income from reinvestments of our capital without materially adding to the requisite safety of our Fund; and

"WHEREAS, The tax-exemption feature of certain bonds is of no benefit to us, since we are exempt from taxation; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we ask Synod to repeal the second part of Sec. 2e (p. 87 of the *Synodical Handbook* of 1924) and that for it be substituted the following:—

"The Fund shall be invested in Government or high-class State and municipal bonds, in real estate bonds, in first mortgages on real estate, and in other high-grade revenue-producing loans, offering in all cases a maximum of security and a reasonable return on the investment."

Recommendation No. 2. Concerning a Custodian-Account Agreement with the Illinois Merchants' Trust Company or Some Other Company of the Same Standing and Reputation.

At the seventh meeting of the Special Board it was resolved to recommend to Synod that our Board be authorized to make custodian-account arrangements with the Illinois Merchants' Trust Company of Chicago, Ill., for the Lutheran Laymen's League Endowment Fund. Later on it was agreed by correspondence that it would be wiser for Synod not to bind itself to such arrangement with any certain com-

pany, but that such arrangements shall be made "with a trust company of the standing and reputation such as the Illinois Merchants' Trust Company of Chicago." (Details of this plan are being definitely worked out and will be available for Synod's committee at the convention.)

Respectfully submitted by

YOUR SPECIAL BOARD OF THE L. L. L. ENDOWMENT FUND.
March 13, 1929. M. F. KRETZMANN, *Secretary*.

Concerning this memorial, Committee 18 reported:—

WHEREAS, Pursuant to a synodical resolution of 1920, the funds of the Lutheran Laymen's League Endowment Fund have thus far been invested exclusively in United States Government Bonds and Municipal Bonds of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Such funds could be invested with equal safety in other securities offering a higher return, and

WHEREAS, The beneficiaries of this fund are being deprived of thousands of dollars per year under the present ruling; your Committee

Recommends, That the resolution of Synod pertaining to the investment of the Lutheran Laymen's League Endowment Fund be amended to read as follows:—

The fund shall be invested in government or high-class State and municipal bonds and in other high-grade revenue-producing loans offering in all cases a maximum of security and a reasonable return on the investment.

Your Committee also recommends that the Special Board of the L. L. L. Endowment Fund, if it deem it advisable, be authorized to make custodian-account arrangements for the benefit and protection of the L. L. L. Endowment Fund with a trust company of high responsibility and reputation.

Synod *adopted* this report.

Two Members Added to the Board of Directors.

Since the amount of the work of the Board of Directors is increasing (cf. Memorial 610), Committee 17 recommended that Synod increase the Board of Directors from seven to nine members. This recommendation was *adopted* by Synod, with the understanding that one pastor and one layman be added to the Board; and upon motion of Rev. Daniel Goerss, seconded by H. Engelbert, it was furthermore

Resolved, That the Board of Directors is hereby authorized, if necessary, to have the charter amended so as to conform to the resolution passed that the Board of Directors be increased from seven to nine members, adding one pastor and one layman to the Board."

Memorials Advocating Separation of Building and Church Extension Funds from the Budget and a New Budget System.

(Memorials 606, 607, 608, 609.)

A memorial of the Eastern Conference of the South Wisconsin District and another from the Northern Illinois Pastoral Conference advocated the separation of the Building Fund from the Budget Treasury and a return to the old system of having a budget treasury for current expenses and raising the money for building purposes by special collections. The Eastern District advocated the same plan, asking that also the Church Extension Fund be taken care of separately. An overture of St. Martin's Church at Winfield, Kans., proposed a new budget plan, the main features of which were that each District report the sum which it will recognize as its quota for the budgeted treasuries for the following year. Each synodical institution and board should send a detailed statement of its anticipated expenditures during the following year to the Board of Directors. On the basis of these figures the Synod, and in the intervening years the Board of Directors, should prepare the budget, with the understanding that the Board of Directors should have the right to admonish the Districts to increase their self-appointed quotas, with the privilege of increasing the appropriations in case of urgent necessity.

Action.

Since all these matters were taken care of in the report of the Committee on Appropriations, Committee 17 advocated "that at present no changes be made in Synod's budget system," which recommendation was *adopted* by Synod.

Disbursement of Funds by Synod's Boards.

(Memorial 610.)

WHEREAS, The condition of Synod's finances in the past triennium has been such that not only great systematic efforts are imperative in raising the funds necessary to do the work which the Lord expects Synod to do, but also careful supervision and systematic control of the *disbursement* of such funds; and

WHEREAS, It is true that the same supervision and systematic control is not exercised over all boards dependent upon Synod's general funds, but that practically all boards, with the exception of the board of control for our seminaries and colleges, can and do disburse the funds of Synod particularly in paying salaries independently; therefore the undersigned [officers of Immanuel Church, Minneapolis, Minn.] herewith respectfully petition Synod to

Resolve that all boards directly dependent upon the funds of the General Body shall be placed under the same regulations and control as the boards of control at our seminaries and colleges in the disbursement of funds. (Cf. *Synodalhandbuch*, § 4, p. 56.)

Committee 17 recommended the adoption of the resolution contained in this overture of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Minneapolis, whereupon *Synod made this resolution its own.*

Support of Indigent Students.

This matter, referred to in the report of the Board of Directors, was taken up in the report of Committee 17, which recommended "that Synod immediately appoint a committee to take this matter under advisement and report to this convention." The following were appointed on this committee: Dean Fritz, Dr. W. C. Kohn, Pastor Streufert (Chicago), President C. F. Brommer, and the lay delegate E. Kuechle (S. Wis.).

This committee brought in the following report to the convention:

"WHEREAS, Your Committee has found that the question whether our students should be compelled to do some work in return for benefits received involves the study of various problems in our educational institutions and that it is impossible to study these in the course of a few days, your Committee suggests that Synod pass the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That the Ven. President of Synod be asked to appoint a committee of such men as are familiar with conditions at our educational institutions, that this committee make a careful study of the question whether the students at our various institutions should be compelled to do some work in return for the benefits received from Synod or any of its Districts (tuition, lodging, board, etc.), and that such committee shall make its report and recommendations to Synod at its next (35th) regular convention."

This recommendation was *adopted* by Synod.

Reorganization of the Lutheran Laymen's League.

The following report was brought in concerning the reorganization of the Lutheran Laymen's League:—

"The Lutheran Laymen's League begs leave to report to Synod, in convention assembled, that it has expanded its purposes and that it has provided the machinery necessary for the accomplishment of its extended aims, and furthermore, that this has been done without altering the original objectives of the organization."

Action.

In *adopting* this report, Synod wished the Lutheran Laymen's League God's continued blessings.

Petition for Relief.

An unprinted memorial contained a petition of the former Pastor E. F. A. Riess, of Orange, Cal., concerning the support which he is receiving and certain questions which came up between him and the Board of Support. Committee 18 devoted a special session to this matter, discussing it in the presence of Pastor F. G. Kuehnert.

Action.

The following report was submitted by the committee and *adopted* by Synod: "Referring to unprinted Memorial 6, your Committee recommends that the matter be left in the hands of the Board of Support."

VII. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND MEMORIALS.

Report of the Press Committee.

The Press Committee elected at the last convention respectfully submits the following report.

I. Activities.

a) The instructions of the St. Louis convention were carried out, and with the cooperation of the District presidents, press committees were organized in practically all synodical Districts. We wish to acknowledge both the cooperation of these officials and the splendid work done by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau.

b) The offer of the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau of New York City to use its headquarters as the office of the Press Committee was gratefully accepted. Without these facilities and the equipment freely placed at our disposal the work done would largely have been impossible.

c) The week preceding Lent in 1927, 1928, and 1929 was designated as National Lutheran Publicity Week. Each year material was submitted to all the pastors of Synod, and methods for the observance of such a week were suggested. Clip sheets for newspaper and parish-paper use were supplied. Publicity matter in the form of "mats" and ready-to-print plates was sent directly to a number of newspapers. The 1929 material featured the quadricentennial of Luther's Catechisms. Our purpose in designating one week out of fifty-two as Publicity Week was not merely to stir up a temporary interest in publicity work, but we hoped thereby to educate congregations to see the possibilities of regular advertising and publicity.

d) Special stories were released to individual newspapers and to press associations. On several occasions, statements were issued.

Some attacks on the Lutheran Church or misrepresentations of its position and policy were answered.

e) We were privileged to assist a number of District and other committees in arranging exhibits at joint celebrations, Luther Day celebrations, etc.

f) We cooperated with Concordia Publishing House in giving national publicity to several synodical publications.

II. Expenses.

1927: \$404.57; 1928: \$736.98; 1929: \$196.70. *Total*, \$1,338.25.

III. Recommendations.

a) We recommend that for the next triennium an annual appropriation of not less than \$1,500 be granted.

b) The amount of publicity work to be done depends largely upon the funds provided for that purpose. We feel that a larger sum than the one mentioned could legitimately be used. The amount of \$1,500, in the opinion of the Press Committee, is an absolute minimum. We request Synod carefully to consider the question: How much may we justifiably devote to this phase of spreading the Gospel of the crucified Christ?

c) We recommend that the various official boards and committees of Synod be urged to give a larger degree of cooperation to the Press Committee. Your Committee was greatly hampered by a seeming attitude of neglect on the part of those who might have helped to give publicity to Synod's activities. We beg leave to cite a few instances: During the time of the upheaval in China, in 1927, the Associated Press approached us several times for information as to our missionaries. In spite of our appeal we were unable to obtain such information and hence were compelled to refuse the request of the press association. Yet the very information we could have used, appeared in succeeding issues of synodical publications. In the letter addressed by the Catechism Quadricentennial Committee to all the pastors of Synod no mention at all is made of the material furnished by the Press Committee. Various articles on church publicity appeared in our official papers; the work of the Press Committee was not mentioned. In the pamphlet entitled *The Work of Your Synod* space is devoted to the activities of practically all of Synod's boards and committees. The Press Committee was conspicuous by its absence.

We refer to these specific instances to illustrate the difficulty that hampered our work. We are convinced that proper publicity is a means for the furtherance of the work to which the Church is commissioned, viz., the preaching of the Gospel. We should like to see the way made somewhat smoother for the next committee that will take charge of the publicity work of Synod. Hence these references

ence also the request that Synod urge upon all official boards and committees the need of keeping the Press Committee informed as to important activities.

d) We recommend that the editors of the *Lutheran Witness* and the *Lutheraner* be requested to provide the Press Committee with advance proofs of their periodicals. Material of this kind may occasionally be released to press associations and magazines, but only if such a release takes place simultaneously with its publication in our own papers.

Report of Committee 22.

1) Your Committee has found that Synod's Press Committee has done admirable work at a comparatively small expense to Synod and has information from the Press Committee that these sums were supplemented by gifts from other sources not mentioned in this report.

The coming triennium will present numerous opportunities for Synod's Press Committee to bring into public prominence the message of our Church and its position in many matters of public concern. In order efficiently to do this work for Synod, the Press Committee will, of course, be in need of funds; and your Committee, after careful deliberation, herewith recommends to Synod an appropriation of \$2,500 per annum, to be placed subject to call of Synod's Press Committee.

2) It will be readily admitted that with the existence of Synod's Press Committee the press of the country will expect Synod's Press Committee to have full information as to synodical matters of public interest. In order that the synodical Press Committee may function according to the intentions of Synod and the expectation of the public press, it will be necessary for the Press Committee not only to be informed by the officials, boards, editors, etc., respecting such matters as are submitted to them for press release, but also with respect to those matters that are privately released.

The committee therefore recommends to Synod that it urge upon all the sources of news for the press a sympathetic cooperation with Synod's Press Committee.

Report of the Committee on Church Architecture.

During the past three years we have corresponded with 253 congregations. Since your Committee was organized in 1923, we have had correspondence with 669 congregations. This correspondence has ranged from one or two to as many as sixty letters for a single building project. In addition to this there is considerable correspondence with architects, builders, builders' supply men, church-furnishers, organ-builders, glass men, etc. Carbon copies of letters and other data fill five sections of a standard-sized vertical file. This will give you an idea of the correspondence of the secretary of this committee.

The other four members of the committee have plenty to do and meet with numerous committees, supply information, and take care of the correspondence during my absence in Europe.

During the past four years your Secretary has made three trips to Europe at his own expense, devoting the time exclusively to the study of church-building. A number of the smaller churches in England, Germany, France, and other countries have been studied. 700 or 800 photographs, 8×10 inches in size, have been made at no expense to Synod, and while they remain the writer's property (the writer having financed these trips), yet they have furnished material which has been drawn upon from time to time by pastors of Synod and by architects. Architects the country over look upon such trips to Europe as most essential to an understanding of church-building, and in order to meet them intelligently, we found that it was absolutely essential to get even the scant foundation that three trips, of from six to eight weeks each, can give.

The various members of your Committee are frequently called upon to meet with committees and to speak to congregations about to build. This they have done when asked, with the exception of the writer, whose congregation has asked him to reduce such meetings decidedly, and it has been necessary to do this. However, other members of the committee often meet with such congregations and building committees.

Our bulletin, *Lutheran Church Art*, has been issued six times a year for seven years. Lately its size has been increased to more than double its former amount of reading-matter, and at an increase in cost of but two dollars per issue over the old size and style. This bulletin is not self-supporting, due to the fact that many copies are sent gratis to congregations in the act of building. In this bulletin we try to answer each month several questions commonly asked by our congregations writing for information. Thus in the current issue seven such questions are discussed. By so doing, your Secretary is able to cut down decidedly the length of typewritten replies to congregations. A shorter letter is written, and a copy of a back number of *Lutheran Church Art* is enclosed, with the subject marked. In this way we have been able to handle a large correspondence without the need of a regular stenographer. Only on one or two occasions have we needed to call in a stenographer, and then only for a day or two, when work became more pressing. By so doing, we have saved Synod the cost of a stenographer. It would be desirable to continue this publication because of the large amount of time it saves. Several years ago it was often necessary to write a letter two, three, and even four pages long in order to answer the questions raised by a single correspondent. At present we are keeping a supply of back numbers at arm's length, write a letter possibly one page long, and enclose two

three marked copies containing information on building costs, frame churches, the code of ethics regulating architect and client, etc. The enlarged bulletin contains four pages, each of approximately the size of a page in the *Lutheran Witness*.

We have six to eight hundred lantern slides, many of them colored, containing exterior and interior views and details of the best of the older churches that are generally regarded as good precedent, as well as of the latest churches in this country. We have arranged exhibits at synodical and other meetings from time to time, using large photographs of the best churches, ancient and modern. Lectures have been given before congregations about to build and before the students at St. Louis, and slides have been sent to pastors desiring their use. Recently a new set of 120 colored slides, showing the characteristics of the various styles — Saxon, Norman, Early Gothic, Decorated and Perpendicular Gothic — have been made, and the slides were shown to the St. Louis students and will be shown from time to time in connection with exhibits at Synod and elsewhere.

As in previous years, we have often been able to persuade congregations to build smaller and more substantially. It is still very common to get letters from a congregation of but 150 communicants planning to build a church seating 400. Since the actual cost of finished churches ranges from \$200 to \$450 per sitting in many cases, we believe that at least \$100,000 may be saved annually by the congregations of Synod, were each congregation to build only a little smaller than the oversized churches so commonly built. Several years ago we checked results and came to the conclusion that at least this amount was actually saved in cases of congregations with which we have had correspondence, and yet the churches were amply large.

Attention has been given to the very high annual waste of money through depreciation. We find that much of such depreciating of church property is due to schemes for short-sighted economy. Thin brick walls, flimsy frame buildings, poor roofs, makeshift guttering and flashing, wooden window tracery and mullions, cheap materials and bonding materials, wooden pinnacles and spires, and other such cheap devices are fruitful sources of rapid depreciation. We have found that the average economic life of a cheaply constructed building is but seventeen years, many even less. Thus much stress has been laid upon less ornament and more durability.

The chairman of your Committee, Mr. A. F. Bernhard, has worked out detailed drawings for a sound, strong roof, which may be built very economically and yet is extremely substantial. This has been used on a number of churches with good results and not only proves economical and strong, but has held up under heavy wind-storms, that have wrecked near-by buildings.

Another architect member of this committee, Mr. J. A. Fichter,

deserves much credit for his work in showing congregations how to build substantially and strongly, with good materials and construction methods, and yet economically, by reducing the cost of elaboration of detail rather than of durability. Mr. J. C. Krietenstein, a builder of long experience, has placed his wide knowledge of building materials and methods at the disposal of all who have desired it.

We have discovered that a number of Synod's congregations lose churches and schools every summer because of wind-storms and lightning. There are more such cases than are reported in print. We have given attention to the reduction of wind and fire hazards and have passed on this information to congregations, especially in the parts of the country subject to strong winds and heavy electrical storms.

It is commonly believed that our committee urges buildings of an extreme type, with great length, great height, and elaboration of parts. Such is certainly not the case. It is true that the present-day style of building in all denominations tends strongly toward much more length and height than a few years ago, but our committee has never taken formal action on this point. Practically all architects are using this type of design to-day, and often with good effect; but there are very few Lutheran churches that have gone to extremes in such matters. Our committee certainly has always urged simplicity of parts and simplicity of detail, and in all correspondence with congregations we have stressed smaller churches, more durable and sturdy construction, and the elimination of meaningless ornament. We have repeatedly stated that it is well to build smaller in order that we may build more lastingly and honestly.

Is an architectural committee worth while? All the other church-bodies have found it so, and some church-bodies subsidize their architectural bureaus heavily and have several full-time men who devote their time to this work. The writer of these lines believes that an architectural committee can be of considerable service to Synod for the following reasons:—

- 1) An experience with almost 700 building operations proves that almost all our congregations build very much too large. It is common to hear of a congregation desiring to build a church with a seating capacity for twice as many people as they have communicant members. For example, the typical congregation of 300 members will almost invariably want a church seating 500 to 600. Where an accurate survey of their actual needs is made, they often base it upon their attendance at Easter, Palm Sunday, and Christmas Eve. If, through an educational campaign, based upon accurate information, our congregations could be persuaded to build but 10 per cent. smaller, there would still be ample room in the typical church, and a very large sum would be saved annually. With less debts there would be less

interest and fewer notes to meet, and this ought to mean more money for synodical purposes.

2) Our correspondence likewise shows that the typical congregation tries to build as cheaply as possible and that it tries to do this by cutting down on materials rather than upon size and ornament. An architectural committee is able to show methods by which a much more substantial church may be had for the same amount of money, through such methods as more compact planning, the elimination of basements where basements are really not needed (a finished basement consumes one-fourth of the entire building fund), the elimination of a tower (which often consumes another fourth of the entire fund) where a congregation is financially unable to build a tower, the use of temporary glass, and even of temporary, but well-designed furnishings. In this way a church of durable construction may be built for even less money than a flimsy one, and such things as towers and permanent stained glass may be added at a later date.

A cheaply constructed church means large outlays for repairs and depreciation, and if this item were cut down, much money might be saved, and diverted for synodical purposes, which is not spent patching up flimsily constructed buildings.

3) Many of our congregations have erected two churches within the past thirty years and in a few cases even three churches. This means a perpetual burden of debt, and with the result that synodical budgets are seldom met. Through a proper educational campaign, congregations may be taught to build in a more lasting manner, so that it is not necessary to wreck and replace a church-building so frequently. An architectural committee is able to show congregations, methods by which a church can be built with the idea of future enlargement in mind, and to build lastingly, adding to the church as more room is needed. The staggering burden of debt, due to frequent tearing down and replacing of buildings, might be substantially lessened.

4) While nothing can possibly take the place of Word and Sacraments, yet it is likewise true that a cheap, shabby, forbidding-looking church-building might prove to be a thing that would not attract the lukewarm and indifferent. A shabby church is a poor missionary asset. With proper attention to better construction, this might be largely remedied.

Report of the Committee.

Your Committee recommends that Synod pass resolutions—

1) Ordering that the report of the Committee on Church Architecture be embodied in the record of the proceedings of this convention;

2) Thanking the members of the committee for their painstaking work;

3) Urging all congregations to avail themselves of the advice and the services of the committee before undertaking the erection of new church-buildings;

4) Encouraging the pastors to acquaint themselves with, and if possible to subscribe for, the Architectural Committee's periodical entitled *Lutheran Church Art*.

Action.

These resolutions were adopted by Synod.

Young People's Work.

Committee No. 7, which had been assigned Report 410 and Memorial 411, had duly considered these matters and called attention to the following facts and offered the following recommendations:—

In the report of the Board for Young People's Work, which is printed on pages 142—144 of *Reports and Memorials*, we read the following (§ 3): "We hold a brief for the Walther League. It is an officially recognized organization of Lutheran young people under competent and reliable Christian leadership. Using the facilities of the League (officers, committees, bulletins, and periodicals), we can most directly and effectively reach a great number of our Lutheran youth." Synod, in its resolutions and regulations, expresses the fear "that in our circles too little attention has been given to the work among the confirmed youth," and it then suggests "that such helps as may be needed, especially for Bible study, be furnished." Your Committee agrees with the Board that, by using the facilities of the Walther League, the youth of our Lutheran Church can best be served at the present time with the necessary helps along the lines indicated.

The fear has been expressed, and is indicated also by a resolution adopted by the Northern Nebraska District of Synod, contained in Memorial 411, that the Walther League may transcend its rights and encroach upon Synod's authority. Your Committee, after due investigation and consideration, has arrived at the conclusion that such fear is unwarranted. According to the regulations of Synod the Board for Young People's Work "shall keep itself informed as to all the activities of the Walther League"; and in 1923 Synod passed these resolutions: "That there be mutual cooperation between Synod's official Board for Young People's Work and representatives of the Walther League. 1) This is to be brought about by joint meetings and exchange of reports of the committees on the activities in the interest of young people's work. 2) All larger matters pertaining to young people's work and affecting the congregation or Synod shall be undertaken only after the approval of the Board for Young People's Work has been obtained."

That the activities of young people's work were thus controlled and directed by the present Board is plainly shown by the report presented to Synod, where we read in the second paragraph: "Members of the Board were present at several meetings of Walther League executives and attended the annual conventions of the League. Our Board finds its chief task in advising, and conferring with, the League officers. In matters affecting Synod we have been duly consulted, and guidance in general League affairs has been frequently requested and given. The Board was also represented at Arcadia, Mich., where the work of the Summer Conference Camp was observed. An officer of the League usually attends our meetings and participates in the discussions. Our relations have been cordial and mutually helpful."

Your Committee has only two recommendations to offer:—

1) To adopt the report of the Board for Young People's Work with thanks to said Board;

2) To suggest to those Districts of Synod that have not as yet done so the creation of a similar board to control and direct the activities of young people's work within its confines.

Action.

Resolved to *adopt* the report and its recommendations.

Appeals.

1. Appeal of Rev. J. A. Duchow, of Havillah, Wash.

Report of Committee 21 C.

We recommend that Synod adopt the following resolution:—

Resolved, That Synod express itself as being in agreement with the resolutions adopted by the Oregon and Washington District in June, 1928, which declare:—

"We sever our fraternal relations with Rev. J. A. Duchow in view of his unscriptural stand regarding excommunication as set forth in Matt. 18 and his reprehensible activities in the Grace matter."

Action.

Synod *adopted* the report.

2. Appeal of Mr. M. N. Hoffmann, of Monroeville, Ind.

Report of Committee 21 C.

Your Committee on the appeal of Mr. M. N. Hoffmann, of Monroeville, Ind., is convinced that the appeal is premature, since it was not first presented to the Central District for investigation. It therefore advises Synod not to enter upon the appeal.

Action.

Synod *adopted* this report of the committee.

3. Appeal of Mrs. A. W. C. Lampe, of St. Louis, Mo.**Report of Committee 21 B.**

Your Committee, which was appointed to consider the appeal of Mrs. A. W. C. Lampe, of St. Louis, Mo., from the decision of the English District has come to the following conclusion:—

After carefully examining all the documents, we recommend that the appeal be rejected.

Action.

This report was *adopted* by Synod.

4. Appeal of Two Missionaries from the Decision of the Foreign Mission Board.**Report of Committee 21 D.**

A controversy arose among our missionaries regarding the use of the names *Shangdi* and *Shen* to designate the true God. A number of them were opposed to the use of the name *Shangdi*, which originally meant the "Supreme Ruler," but is now used as a name of a specific idol. There also entered into this dispute the question whether according to Scripture the name of a heathen idol could be used to designate the true God. This controversy became so bitter personally that it threatened the success of our mission-work in China. The Board submitted these questions to the faculty in St. Louis, which gave as its opinion that it was not unscriptural to use the name *Shangdi*. When exception was taken to the opinion of the faculty, the faculty gave the matter further study, but each time came to the same conclusion. When all efforts failed, the Board felt compelled to take action in order to bring about peace and reached the following decision: "If for reasons of conscience you cannot tolerate the term *Shangdi*, we shall make no further efforts to hold you in the service of the mission; we grant you permission to come home as soon as you decide to do so."

Your Committee is convinced that the Foreign Mission Board has done everything possible properly to settle this matter and recommends that the action of the Board be approved. It expresses the hope that the missionaries will abide by this decision.

Action.

Synod *adopted* the report of the committee.

5. Appeal of Fourteen Excommunicated Members at Orange, Cal.**Report of Committee 21 D.**

We recommend that the President of Synod appoint a committee to review the procedure of the congregation at Orange, Cal., and of the California and Nevada District and endeavor to bring about, if possible, an amicable settlement.

Action.

Synod *adopted* this report of the committee.

6. Appeal of Mr. H. F. Pieper, of Edwardsville, Ill.

Report of Committee 21 D.

H. F. Pieper protested against the approval, by the last convention, of the action of the congregation at Edwardsville, Ill., communicating him. Your Committee recommends that, since the matter was settled at the last convention and since no further have been presented, no further action be taken.

Action.

The report of the committee was *adopted*.

7. Appeal of Mr. H. Reinitz.

Report of Committee 21 C.

Your Committee, appointed to pass on the appeal of Mr. H. Reinitz, recommends that the appeal be rejected, since no additional evidence has been produced showing why Synod should repeal the resolutions adopted at Fort Wayne, Ind., in June, 1923, pertaining to this appeal.

Action.

Synod *adopted* this report of the committee.

8. Appeal of Rev. George J. Ristow.

Report of Committee 21 B.

Your Committee in the matter of the appeal of the Rev. George J. Ristow from the action of the Michigan District in expelling him from the ministerial office, begs leave to report the following:—

After prayerful and careful consideration of all the evidence in the case, both documentary and verbal, we recommend that the appeal be rejected.

Action.

Synod *adopted* this report of the committee.

9. Appeal of Rev. P. G. Schwankowsky.

Report of Committee 21 B.

Your Committee, appointed to consider the appeal of Pastor P. G. Schwankowsky from the action of the Michigan District, has prayerfully and earnestly studied the case and begs leave to report the following:—

Your Committee unanimously finds that the Michigan District and its officials have dealt with Pastor Schwankowsky in Christian charity and patience and that the latter has no grounds for complaint, and therefore *recommends* that his appeal be rejected.

Action.

The report of the committee was *adopted*.

10. Appeal of Rev. F. W. Seesko.

Report of Committee 21 E.

After carefully examining all the proceedings leading up to the suspension and expulsion of the Rev. F. W. Seesko as well as his written appeal to Synod, after giving a hearing to the Rev. Seesko as well as to the officials and brethren of the Northern Nebraska District, we find that the Rev. Seesko has indeed been guilty of an unscriptural lodge practise and, though dealt with repeatedly and for years by officials of the District as well as by other brethren, maintained, and even now upholds, his former position and refuses to change it.

We therefore recommend that Synod sustain the action of the Northern Nebraska District in ratifying the suspension of the Rev. F. W. Seesko from synodical membership because of his unchristian lodge practise of many years' standing, a practise which has given grave offense to many sister congregations and which he insistently upholds and defends, and thereby expelling him, as stated in the *Lutheran Witness* of October 16, 1928.

The recommendation of the committee is based on the following facts:—

- 1) The Rev. Seesko admits the antichristian character of the lodge.
- 2) The Rev. Seesko admits that it was indeed for the express purpose of giving lodge-members an opportunity to commune that the constitution of his congregation had been worded to read: "Lodge-members may not be *voting* members of the congregation."
- 3) The Rev. Seesko admits that he permitted lodge-members to commune for many years and states that he will continue his practise of communing lodge-members, regarding them as weak Christians who are to be borne with indefinitely, to their dying day if necessary.

Action.

The Rev. F. W. Seesko was given opportunity to make a statement. In this statement he did not deny the facts on which the committee's recommendation was based. Hereupon the report of the committee was *adopted*.

11. Appeal of St. Paul's Congregation, Baltimore, Md., and of Rev. H. Guckenberger.

Report of Committee 21 A.

Your Committee on the appeal of St. Paul's Congregation, Baltimore, Md., recommends that a committee be appointed to investigate this whole matter in the near future and bring it to a conclusion.

Action.

- 1) *Resolved* to adopt the report of the committee.
- 2) *Resolved* to instruct the Nominating Committee to submit a slate of six names, from which three are to be chosen who shall serve as committee.

Synod elected the following committee: Prof. E. Koehler, Rev. F. A. Hertwig, and Rev. Theo. Schurdel.

Concordia Historical Institute.

Memorial 704 presented the history and importance of the work of the Concordia Historical Institute and requested Synod's moral support in the form of certain resolutions.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 23, Synod passed the following resolutions:—

1) *Resolved*, That Synod heartily commend the Concordia Historical Institute for its valuable services in preserving interesting records and memorials of the past;

2) *Resolved*, That Synod recognize the Concordia Historical Institute as an organization deserving encouragement and support;

3) *Resolved*, That Synod recommend to all its Districts that its pastors and congregations exercise every care in preserving old documents and other memorials of their past history; that places of historic interest be marked with suitable tablets; and that, for the better preservation, cataloging, and reference of historical articles, each District appoint an archivist, who shall serve as custodian;

4) *Resolved*, That articles of unusual historical interest be donated to the museum of Concordia Historical Institute at St. Louis, Mo.

**Representative Lutheran Church Edifice
Washington, D. C.**

Memorial 705, emanating from the English District, suggested that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of erecting a church-building at Washington, D. C., which would not only serve the local needs, but be also a credit to our Synod at large.

Report of Committee 23.

Your Committee recommends that Synod suggest to the officials of the English District that they communicate with the General Church Extension Board relative to a church structure such as is referred to in Memorial 705.

This report was *adopted*.

Resolution of the Lay Delegates.

Resolved, That, since Synod makes it the duty of each lay delegate to see to it that Synod's resolutions relative to finances be carried out, and since Synod also charges all its officers, visitors, and pastors to do the same, we feel that there should be, and we urge that there will be, complete cooperation between the officials of Synod, the lay delegates, and each pastor in carrying out the resolutions referred to, preferably along the lines suggested by the Fiscal Office instituted by Synod for that purpose.

This report was *adopted* by Synod.

Acceptance of Theological Titles from Non-Lutheran Bodies.

Since the unprinted Memorial 7 does not adequately present the matter with which it deals and may therefore lead to a lengthy and futile discussion, your Committee recommends—

- 1) That it be referred back to the writer with the request that he recast it and send it to the Faculty at St. Louis for careful consideration;
- 2) That the Faculty at St. Louis be requested to submit its findings to the next convention.

Boy Scouts and Camp-Fire Girls.

Memorial 31, emanating from the School Board, petitioned Synod to instruct its President to appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to inform itself thoroughly on the Boy Scouts and Camp-fire Girls movements and advise Synod at its next convention what stand to take in the matter. In the mean time all boards and organizations within Synod are to refrain from making any recommendations about these movements.

Action.

The report of Committee 6 was amended to read as follows:—

Resolved, That Synod instruct the Board for Young People's Work to study the Boy Scouts and Camp-fire Girls and other similar movements and to report its findings to the conferences as soon as it is ready, as well as to the next convention.

The amended report was then *adopted*.

Resolution of Thanks to the Retiring Vice-Presidents J. W. Miller and F. Brand.

WHEREAS, Our venerable brethren the Revs. J. W. Miller and F. Brand have served Synod in their official capacity as Vice-Presidents for many years; and

WHEREAS, They have, during their long period of service, performed the work of their office with remarkable faithfulness and consecrated zeal; and

WHEREAS, They have ever been consistent and fearless champions of Lutheran doctrine and practise; and

WHEREAS, They have rendered signal service to the cause of our Lutheran school system and of missions; and

WHEREAS, They have by the simplicity of their faith, the firmness of their convictions, and the fervor of their love to the Lord and His cause brought inspiration to many; therefore be it

Resolved, That we herewith express our gratitude to the Lord for giving Synod the benefit of their services, that we heartily thank the retiring Vice-Presidents for their self-sacrificing work, and that we herewith pledge ourselves to a sincere emulation of their devotion to the Lord's cause.

Resolutions of Thanks and Appreciation.

Your Committee recommends that Synod express hearty appreciation and thanks to the following: —

a) The congregations of the Northern Illinois and of the English District, the president, faculty, board, and students of Concordia Teachers' College of River Forest, and the many committees and individuals who so circumspectly provided for the housing of this convention;

b) The various ladies' aid societies for their splendid service in kitchen and dining-hall;

c) The committees and individuals who arranged the great mass-meeting at Soldiers' Field in commemoration of the four-hundredth anniversary of Luther's Catechism;

d) The esteemed essayists, the venerable Dr. F. Pieper and Prof. Theo. Graebner, for their excellent papers;

e) The preachers and speakers at the various services and meetings for their instructive addresses;

f) The organizations and individuals who with their musical selections helped to make the convention enjoyable;

g) The daily papers for the space given to the proceedings of the convention and the Press Committee for its faithful services in giving the convention adequate publicity;

h) The Rev. A. Burgdorf for many years of service in the Board for Missions in South America.

Housing of Synod.

According to a resolution of 1926 the President had appointed a committee to study this question and to make proposals to Synod. This committee recommended that Synod abide by the plan adopted in 1926.

The Northern Pastoral Conference of the Northern Illinois District suggested that the expenses of boarding and lodging Synod's delegates be paid from the Contingent Reserve Fund.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 23, Synod passed the following resolutions:—

1) *Resolved*, That Synod herewith create a Committee on Arrangements for its conventions and that it instruct this committee to study the Central District's plan for financing its meetings with a view of adapting it to the needs of the general conventions.

2) *Resolved*, That Synod empower the General President to appoint this committee as soon as possible after each general convention.

3) *Resolved*, That the committee be composed of six members. Three of these shall be men who helped to make arrangements for the preceding convention; the remaining three are to be men living in the city inviting the Synod for its next convention.

Invitation to Milwaukee.

President H. Grueber transmitted the invitation of the Milwaukee congregations to Synod to hold its next convention, in the year 1932, in their city. This invitation was gratefully accepted.

KFUO.

Official Report.

At the convention in 1926, Synod took over Station KFUE and gratefully accepted the noble and generous offer of the L. L. L. to rebuild and maintain KFUE at the new Seminary and placed the control of the station in the hands of the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary. Soon after the convention, the Executive Committee of the L. L. L. chose Messrs. Edwin H. Faster, L. F. Volkman, and L. H. Waltke to share the responsibility of the operation of KFUE, which had become the property of Synod, with the other members of the Radio Committee, consisting at that time of the following members of the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary: Dean J. H. C. Fritz, Prof. W. A. Maier, Rev. R. Kretzschmar, and Mr. A. G. Brauer. In March, 1928, Rev. L. J. Sieck, member of the Seminary Board, was chosen as a member of the Radio Committee to take the place of Rev. R. Kretzschmar, who was obliged to resign from the committee due to stress of other important duties. This Radio Committee of seven men has faithfully served since 1926 as Board of Directors of KFUE, has rendered, through the undersigned, a monthly written report to the Seminary Board, and has relieved the Board, as much as possible, of all work in connection with KFUE.

After the L. L. L. had appropriated \$50,000 for the new KFUE plant and \$12,000 for the annual running expenses, the Radio Committee immediately proceeded with the erection of a new, 1,000-watt

station, in a separate building, on the Seminary grounds. Initial work was begun in the fall of 1926, and on Sunday, May 29, 1927, the dedication of the new KFUE Station and the tenth anniversary of the L. L. L. were jointly celebrated.

The new radio plant proved to be an improvement in every way, the 1,000-watts sending power giving us a wider range than the 500 watts which were used at the old station. We have regularly operated on a frequency of 550 kilocycles (545.1 meters), with the exception of a short period in 1927, when the Federal Radio Commission instructed us to broadcast on a frequency of 1,280 kilocycles (234.2 meters), which proved to be a very unsatisfactory channel.

We have constantly increased our radio service to the listening public, and this necessitated the engaging of a full-time radio operator in the person of Mr. Carl H. Meyer, a young man of our faith. Mr. Paul Amt, a student of Concordia Seminary, has recently been engaged to serve as full-time musical director of KFUE till June 30.

Since the broadcasting from the assembly hall at the Seminary was not satisfactory on account of acoustic conditions, the ceiling of the assembly hall was covered with celotex, an insulation board, at a cost to KFUE of approximately \$2,500, this sum being part of the \$5,500 received for the old KFUE apparatus, which was sold to a local broadcasting station.

The KFUE Radio Committee publishes a bimonthly radio bulletin known as the *Gospel Voice*.

We have had very satisfactory results from our radio activity, and we are thankful to God for having blessed the feeble and imperfect labors of our hands. Thousands of appreciative letters from unchurched people and non-Lutherans, including Jews and Catholics, are eloquent testimonies to the fact that the Lutheran Church is the Bible Church. The gist of their remarks is that the preaching of the Gospel by the Lutheran Church rings true to the hammer. KFUE has become a vital factor in the spiritual lives of thousands of people over a wide area.

Nevertheless, on account of lack of power, KFUE can render only a limited service to the country. While we frequently receive favorable reception reports from distant States, the reliable service range of a station such as ours covers only a small part of the North American continent. The millions whom we do not reach are in need of the Gospel in the same measure as those who live within earshot of KFUE. The radio is an excellent means, given to us by God in these latter days, to send the message of sin and grace into the countless homes which we can reach in no other way. Religious programs sponsored by other denominations are to-day covering the nation like a blanket, while Lutheran radio programs are being

broadcast only in a few sections of our vast country. The time has come for the Church of the pure Word to expand its radio activity, which at present is being conducted on a local, or sectional, basis, and to make it a nation, yea, a world-wide missionary undertaking. The opportunities are unlimited. Open doors are found almost everywhere. Our ultimate goal shall be to make the saving Gospel available regularly to every radio listener on the face of the earth. May the Lord speed the day when the pure Gospel of the crucified and risen Christ will cover every continent as the waters cover the sea!

Now, unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end!

Committee 22 brought in two recommendations concerning KFUD:—

"1. After careful deliberation of Memorial 613 your Committee recommends to Synod a vote of appreciation and thanks on the part of Synod to the Lutheran Laymen's League for its ready and sustained financial support of Station KFUD.

"2. Your Committee furthermore recommends to Synod in the interest of a greater service on the part of KFUD the endorsement of the application of the station to the Federal Radio Commission for a more extended use of its full present power."

Action.

Synod *adopted* this report with its recommendations.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THREE YEARS.

A. GENERAL OFFICERS.

President: The Rev. F. Pfotenhauer, D. D.

First Vice-President: The Rev. F. Lankenau.

Second Vice-President: The Rev. J. W. Behnken.

Third Vice-President: The Rev. F. Randt.

Fourth Vice-President: The Rev. W. Dallmann, D. D.

Secretary: The Rev. M. F. Kretzmann.

Treasurer: Mr. E. Seuel.

Board of Directors: The President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, *ex officio*; the Rev. Wm. Hagen, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. H. W. Horst, Rock Island, Ill.; Mr. A. H. Ahlbrand, Seymour, Ind.; Mr. W. H. Schlueter, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. F. C. Streufert, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. E. Wengert, Milwaukee, Wis.

Corresponding Secretary: Prof. L. Fuerbringer, D. D.

Chronologist and Statistician: The Rev. E. Eckhardt.

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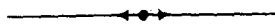
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